

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
LOK SABHA**

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WOMEN AFFECTED BY HIV AIDS  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of HIV/AIDS cases reported during the last three years, year-wise;
- (b) the number of women among them affected by HIV/AIDS, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to encourage/popularize the use of newly developed female condom to protect women from HIV/AIDS and unwanted pregnancies; and
- (d) if so, the details and the present status thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

- (a) The year wise number of AIDS cases reported to NACO in the last three years is as below:

Year	AIDS cases reported
2003	21,587
2004	27,432
2005 (Prov.)	18,102

- (b) The state-wise distribution of the male and female reported AIDS cases is annexed.

(c) & (d) Yes Sir. Pilot tests by social marketing organizations have shown that female condoms empower women to protect themselves from getting sexually transmitted diseases like HIV and also prevent unwanted pregnancy.

The female condom is particularly useful in situations where the male partner is not willing to use a condom and insists on unprotected sex.

It has been decided to initially procure 500,000 female condoms for free or highly subsidized distribution through social marketing organisations amongst female sex workers to protect them from HIV and other sexually transmitted infections.