

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

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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Bill Gates Foundation has shown keen interest to help in eradicating some deadly diseases in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the funds released by the Foundation during the last two years, year-wise, disease-wise;
- (d) the funds utilized therefrom especially in Tamil Nadu, disease-wise; and
- (e) the number of patients benefited as a result thereof gender-wise, urban/rural areas-wise in Tamil Nadu?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b) The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has funded HIV/AIDS prevention programmes which include provision of free condoms, free treatment of sexually transmitted diseases, outreach led communications around safe sex, capacity building of community members around safe sex behaviour, local advocacy and treatment seeking.
- (c) Rs 132.98 crores and Rs 184.03 crores have been released by the Foundation during the last two years for HIV prevention activities as per information received from Bill Gates Foundation.
- (d) Rs 6.35 crores and Rs 11.16 crores were utilized in Tamil Nadu for the HIV prevention programme;
- (e) Beneficiaries covered in Tamil Nadu include 34,900 female sex workers and 14,560 male sex workers, including transgenders. Roughly 29,450 beneficiaries were from the urban areas and 20,010 from the rural areas.