

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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INCREASE IN HIV PATIENTS IN PRISONS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the HIV positive cases are increasing in prisons;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to prevent the spread of HIV in the country, specially in prisons?

Answer

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

- (a) No such data is available at National AIDS Control Organization.
- (b) Question does not arise.
- (c) The core strategy of National AIDS Control Programme continues to be prevention through activities such as Targeted interventions among high risk groups. Information Education Communication, Blood Safety, Counselling services etc. As on date, 45 Targeted Interventions are being implemented in the prisons for prevention of HIV & AIDS among prison inmates.