

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:20  
ANSWERED ON:22.11.2006  
INCREASE IN AIDS PATIENTS  
Murmu Shri Hemlal

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

- (a) whether an increase in the number of AIDS patients and spread of HIV Virus have been reported recently in various States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) the details of the various facilities including hospitals and financial assistance provided by the Government to the States for treating such patients?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a)to(c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 20 FOR 22nd NOVEMBER, 2006

As per the annual unlinked sentinel survey to assess the trend of HIV infections, the adult HIV prevalence in the country was 0.93, 0.92 and 0.91% for the years 2003, 2004 and 2005 respectively. Against 17,770 AIDS cases reported during 2001, 18,191 cases have been reported in 2006 upto October. The state-wise number of HIV infections and AIDS cases reported by the state health authorities is given at Annexure I & II.

Under prevention services, counseling and testing facilities at 3394 centres including provision of prophylaxis treatment for HIV infected pregnant women to prevent mother to child transmission, treatment of sexually transmitted infections at 974 hospitals and provision of free condoms to prevent new infections are being provided in all public facilities viz. medical colleges, district hospitals, Government health centres etc. In addition, free anti retroviral treatment is being provided through 96 government hospitals. Free CD4 test to assess the immune status is provided to children below poverty line. Medical college and district hospitals are provided Rs. 1 lakh each for treatment of opportunistic infections in HIV infected persons. 122 Community Care Centres have been established for providing treatment against opportunistic infections. Financial assistance of Rs. 65.36 crores and Rs. 99.6 crores has been provided to states for care, support & treatment of AIDS patients during the financial year 2005-06 and 2006-07, respectively.