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LOK SABHA**

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HIV SPREADING THROUGH DENTAL CLINICS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether dental clinics are causing transmission of HIV and some dental clinics do not adhere to strict hygienic practices;
- (b) if so, whether the Government proposes to take any action in this regard; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a), (b) & c) No, Sir, There is no data indicating transmission of HIV by dental clinics. However, transmission of HIV/AIDS through dental clinics is not ruled out. All dental clinics, hospitals & other health care facilities are given guidelines on Prevention of Hospital acquired Infection Control (HIC). In addition HIC practices in hospitals are being monitored by "Hospital Infection Control Committees".

All dental clinics in Govt. hospital are required to adhere to highest level of hygiene /sterilization, hospital Infection control & safe waste disposal practices. National AIDS Control Organisation had developed a module on Standard Operating Procedure & Hospital Infection Control that is used in various training workshops.