

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the age-wise composition of population affected by the Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs) in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the usage rate of contraceptives in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any measures to raise awareness on the issue of rising incidence of STDs in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) whether certain cases of STDs including HIV/AIDS have been detected in the inmates in various jails/ prisons across the country and if so, the details thereof along with the steps being taken by the Government for their treatment?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

(a): The last community based survey was conducted by ICMR in 2003 which concluded that 6% of reproductive age group is affected by Sexually Transmitted Infection / Reproductive tract infections.

In the financial year 2013-14 the episodes of STD's for diagnostics/treatment as reported from SURAKSHA clinics, the designated STI/RTI clinics is enclosed as per Annexure I.

(b): Information on usage rate of contraceptives in the country state/UT at Annexure II.

(c): Yes.

(d): Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has undertaken the following measures to raise awareness on sexually transmitted and reproductive tract infections.

1. 1168 designated STI/RTI clinics supported by NACO, Ministry of Health Family Welfare spread all over the country have been branded as "SURAKSHA CLINIC".

2. Various materials have been developed for Information, Education and Communication material for educating the patients like leaflets, flipcharts, posters, job aids. They cover different topics such as common symptoms of STI/RTI among men and women and how to prevent transmission of infection.

3. Each of the designated STI/RTI clinics has been provided with a dedicated counsellor who provide one to one counselling on STI/RTI.

4. Colour coded drug kits pre-specified for each of the syndromes of STI/RTI have been designed for free distribution to patients and also to standardize treatment and enhance visibility.

5. Multimedia campaigns and short message clips on different aspects of sexually transmitted and reproductive tract infections have been prepared and broadcasted through mass media, interpersonal communications, outdoor, mid media and exhibition are implemented at national and state levels.

6. Activities for STI/RTI awareness and services have also been part of the Red Ribbon Express.

7. Street plays and folk and mid media activities have been designed and implemented using standard messages for STI/RTI prevention and control.

(e): Inmates of jail/prisons undertake the Health screening and diagnostic facilities including STD's and HIV/AIDS as per Government provided health care services. Then patients are provided respective care and treatment. However, no separate records are maintained in this regards.

