

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3310
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13TH MARCH, 2020**

PREVALENCE OF AIDS

**3310. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:
SHRI Y. DEVENDRAPPA:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has noted that Andhra Pradesh is ranked second in the prevalence of AIDS in the country after Maharashtra as per the National Health Profile;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the special efforts being made by the Government to focus on Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Telangana where there are higher number of AIDS patients; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to ensure that the patients suffering from AIDS/HIV are not discriminated against in society and to track the patients through HIV diagnosis for care and treatment?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)**

(a) & (b): No. As per National Health profile 2019, Andhra Pradesh has been ranked at 8th position with HIV prevalence of 0.41 and Maharashtra has been ranked at 17th position with HIV prevalence of 0.26. The State wise data on HIV/ AIDS as per National Health Profile 2019 is attached in **Annexure-I**.

(c): National AIDS Control Program (NACP) is a central sector scheme of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for prevention and control of HIV/AIDS in India, wherein technical, financial and commodity support is provided to all States.

Andhra Pradesh Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Telangana, by virtue of their population and HIV/AIDS prevalence, have higher numbers of People living with HIV (PLHIV) and therefore are in receipt of proportionately higher quantum of support in terms of numbers of facilities, commodities and manpower for testing for HIV/AIDS and provisioning of free Anti Retro Viral Treatment for those infected. In areas where it is epidemiologically indicated that special efforts are required, comprehensive actions are undertaken in NACP.

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The State-wise specific details of programmatic efforts is detailed in **Annexure II & III**.

(d) The Government implements 360-degree multimedia campaigns to address Stigma and Discrimination of Persons living with HIV/AIDS through mass media, outdoor and folk media.

The HIV and AIDS (Prevention and Control) ACT, 2017 also prohibits any sort of discrimination with regard to employment & occupation, unfair treatment in healthcare services, unfair treatment in educational establishments and services. The Act also has penal provisions for any discrimination practiced against a person with HIV/AIDS and breach of confidentiality.

An online software platform is in place for tracking patients through HIV diagnosis for care and treatment.

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Annexure-I

State/UT wise Observed HIV Prevalence Levels in India among ANC clinic attendees, (HSS- 2017)

SN	Name of State/UT	Prevalence
1	Mizoram	1.19
2	Nagaland	0.82
3	Meghalaya	0.73
4	Tripura	0.56
5	Dadar& Nagar Haveli	0.5
6	Manipur	0.47
7	Gujrat	0.44
8	Andhra Pradesh	0.41
9	Bihar	0.38
10	Delhi	0.38
11	Karnataka	0.38
12	Chhattisgarh	0.35
13	Rajasthan	0.29
14	Odisha	0.28
15	Telangana	0.28
16	Tamil Nadu	0.27
17	Maharashtra	0.26
18	Uttar Pradesh	0.22
19	Jharkhand	0.18
20	Assam	0.16
21	Haryana	0.14
22	Uttarakhand	0.13
23	West Bengal	0.13
24	Madhya Pradesh	0.11
25	Punjab	0.11
26	Himachal Pradesh	0.09
27	Goa	0.08
28	A & N Islands	0.06
29	Kerala	0.05
30	Sikkim	0.05
31	Jammu & Kashmir	0.02
32	Arunachal Pradesh	0
33	Chandigarh	0
34	Daman & Diu	0
35	Puducherry	0

Ref: National Health Profile 2019 published by Central Bureau of Health Intelligence, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

Annexure-II

States wise distribution of HIV Counseling and Testing Services (HCTS)

States/UTs	Number of HCTS*			
	Community Based Screening	Stand Alone	F-ICTC	PPP
Andhra Pradesh	102	228	1425	180
Karnataka	3	473	2419	413
Maharashtra	126	575	2597	1426
Tamil Nadu	102	807	1800	209
Telangana	58	179	671	129

*As on January 2020

Annexure-III

State wise list of HIV Treatment and Care centers

State	No. of ART Centres	No. of Link ART Centres	No. of Care and Support Centres
Andhra Pradesh	40	118	23
Maharashtra	72	194	45
Tamil Nadu	55	174	31
Telangana	22	76	13
Karnataka	65	313	36

*As on January 2020