

Statement

Number of AIDS patients in border districts of Rajasthan and Gujarat during last five years

Sl.No	Name of District	Number of AIDS patients (year-wise)				
		2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Rajasthan						
1	Dungarpur	3	19	240	238	192
2	Banswara	2	13	114	82	97
Gujarat						
1	Dahod	18	31	77	177	126
2	Panchmahal	45	67	125	268	307
3	Sabarkantha	132	196	231	408	612

* Till 15th February 2011.

Healthcare programme for elderly citizens

75. SHRI T.M. SELVAGANAPATHI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to introduce a healthcare plan for the elderly people;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that Government had released funds for the said programme to be rolled out in 21 States by 2012; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) Yes.

(b) Government of India has approved the National Programme for Health Care of Elderly (NPHCE) to improve health services for the elderly. Major activities proposed to be taken up during the remaining period of 11th Five Year Plan are as given below:

- Setting up of Geriatric Department at the eight Regional Geriatric Centres.
- Setting up of Geriatric unit at 100 district hospitals in 21 States.
- Rehabilitation Units at CHCs, weekly Geriatric Clinic at PHCs and supportive devices/equipments at the Sub-Centres.
- Development of specialized manpower.

(c) and (d) Funds for all 21 States and 8 Regional Geriatric Centres have been sanctioned. So far, funds have been released to 3 Regional Geriatric Centres and one State on receipt of bank account details and signing of MOU.

Study on malnutrition among children

†76. SHRI SHIVANAND TIWARI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has conducted a study on adverse impact of malnutrition on children;
- (b) if so, the measures being taken to prevent the same; and
- (c) the total percentage of children affected from malnutrition in the country?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) to (c) Malnutrition is a multi-faceted, multidimensional and multisectoral problem. It affects growth and development of human beings; can increase morbidity and mortality by reducing the resistance to infections.

As per the National Family Health Survey-III (2005-06), the percentage of underweight (weight for age); stunting (height for age) and wasting (height for weight) among under five children in the country is 42.5, 48.0 and 19.8 respectively.

Government have taken various measures to improve the health and nutrition status of vulnerable population including children. The brief details are given in Statement.

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The measures taken to improve the health and nutritional status of population

1. A National Nutrition Policy has been adopted in 1993 and a National Plan of Action for Nutrition (1995) is being implemented through various Departments of Government. The National Nutrition Mission has been set up.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.