

HIV/AIDS cases in Odisha

2559. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of completion and putting into operation of the AIIMS unit in the Odisha region;
- (b) what is hindering the progress in its completion;
- (c) whether Government is aware that the AIDS/HIV cases in Odisha are quite high while the medical facilities for the purpose are limited;
- (d) whether the Odisha Government has made a proposal for opening new hospitals and strengthening the existing ones for treatment of this menace in this region, especially in the Western region of the State; and
- (e) if so, the status of the above proposal?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) and (b) The academic session for 50 MBBS seats at AIIMS, Bhubaneswar, Odisha is scheduled to commence during September, 2012. The Hospital Services are likely to commence by 2013-14, to provide tertiary healthcare services.

(c) to (e) As per the HIV Estimates 2009, Odisha is estimated to have 71,813 persons living with HIV, with an adult HIV prevalence of 0.29%, as compared to the national adult HIV prevalence of 0.31%. Based on the assessment of programmatic requirements for the provision of HIV prevention and diagnostic services to high risk groups as well as general population, 242 Integrated Counseling and Testing Centres, 56 Blood Banks and 38 Sexually Transmitted Infection clinics have been established and are functional in the State. Also the Care, Support and Treatment Division under National AIDS Control Organization is providing free care, support and treatment services to HIV infected people through 9 Anti-Retroviral Treatment (ART) centres and 15 Link ART centres in Odisha.

Study on dengue cases in Delhi

2560. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the cases of dengue fever are rampant in the National Capital, Delhi;

- (b) whether any study has been conducted in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the remedial measures being taken by Government to protect from this disease?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD : (a) to (c) No. During the current year, 10 dengue cases have been reported in Delhi, till 22nd August, 2012.

(d) Government of India implements an integrated National Vector-Borne Disease Control Programme (NVBDCP) under the overarching umbrella of National Rural Health Mission (NRHM), for prevention and control of vector-borne diseases including dengue. The main strategy for prevention and control of vector-borne diseases focuses on early case detection and complete treatment of cases, integrated vector control, and behaviours change communication. The Programme is implemented through the State/UT Governments.

Shortage of specialist doctors in Shimla District

2561. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that health facility for all Indian citizens is the primary duty of Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether it is also a fact that there is a shortage of specialists doctors in Civil Hospital, Rohru, Shimla District of Himachal Pradesh;
- (e) whether it is also a fact that inspite of the Himachal Pradesh High Court Bench direction to depute specialist doctors, till date no action has been taken; and
- (f) whether Government will take special care under NRHM for this hospital so that people of that area may be benefited?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) and (b) Public Health is a State subject and as such, they shoulder