

**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;