

Rise in HIV cases in the Southern States

3412. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Southern States make up 50 per cent of HIV cases in India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the rising numbers in the South were due to increasingly efficient screening over the past few years;
- (d) whether it is also a fact that while cumulative numbers are high, the number of fresh cases reported every year has plunged since 2010; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO HAIK): (a) and (b) Yes. As per HIV Estimations 2012, four high prevalence States of South India (Andhra Pradesh-4.19 lakh, Karnataka-3.15 lakh, Maharashtra-2.01 lakh, Tamil Nadu-1.32 lakh) account for 53% of all HIV infected cases in the country.

(c) The estimated number of people living with HIV in these States has shown consistent declines over the last few years.

(d) and (e) The estimated annual new HIV infections in these states have also shown 76% reduction over the last decade and around 28% between 2007 & 2011.

The number of HIV cases detected & reported through Integrated Counseling & Testing Centres in these four States has been decreasing over the past few years. State-wise details for the four States of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu are given in the Statement.

Statement

Number of HIV Positive Cases Detected Through Integrated Counseling & Testing Centres in Last Three Years & Current Year

State	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15 (April 14 - Oct 14)
Andhra Pradesh	65,060	58,686	56,730	29,215
Karnataka	41,643	35,838	30,906	16,675
Maharashtra	57,035	44,389	43,926	19,659
Tamil Nadu	21,562	16,053	16,653	8,684