

**Enhancement of HIV counseling centres**

3424. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there were over 15,000 healthcare facilities offering counseling and testing across India in 2014 as against 67 HIV testing and counseling sites way back in 1997;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these 15000 testing centres have failed to check spread of HIV;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government is also considering enhancing the number of HIV counseling centres in the coming years; and

(e) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) Yes, presently a total of 18,018 Integrated Counseling and Testing Centres (ICTC) [Stand Alone ICTCs 5,559 Facility Integrated ICTCs (F-ICTCs) 10,306 & PPP-FICTCs: 2,153] are providing HIV counseling and testing services under National AIDS Control Programme (NACP) in the country.

(b) and (c) No. "HIV Estimates 2012" have shown that there has been an overall reduction in adult HIV prevalence, new HIV infections and AIDS related deaths in the country, reflecting the impact of scaled up prevention and treatment programmes, including the scale up of counseling and testing centres as well as IEC activities across the country.

(d) and (e) Yes. Under the National AIDS Control Programme Phase - IV, it has been planned to establish new 505 Stand Alone ICTCs and 2,737 F-ICTCs across the country over the next two financial years *i.e.* 2015-16 and 2016-17. Guidelines and instructions have already been shared with all the State AIDS Control Societies (SACS) in India to initiate actions for setting up the new centres, as a part of the annual action plans.

**Implementation of NPCDCS**

3425. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact, that a National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke (NPCDCS) is being implemented;

- (b) if so, the main focus of the programme; and
- (c) the details of achievements made under the programme?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA): (a) and (b) Yes. The focus of the National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke (NPCDCS) is on supplementing the efforts of State Governments for providing better healthcare services by strengthening the existing healthcare facilities, awareness generation for behaviour and life-style changes, screening and early diagnosis of persons with high level of risk factors and their referral to higher facilities for appropriate management.

(c) Details of achievements made under the NPCDCS as informed by States are as under:

- State NCD Cell established in 26 States.
- District NCD Cell established in 142 districts.
- District NCD Clinic established in 147 districts.
- Cardiac Care Units established in 64 districts
- As on 31-03-2014 total 5,57,39,571 persons have been screened for Diabetes and Hypertension.
- 95 trainers and 717 MOs have been trained in 36 training sessions till date.

#### **Rising incidence of diabetes in rural areas**

3426. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of the rising incidence of diabetes in the country, especially among the youth in rural areas; and
- (b) if so, the details of measures being taken by Government to prevent and treat the spread of diabetes, especially in rural areas?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA): (a) There are no time trend data on incidence of diabetes mellitus amongst youth in the country, or among different socio-economic groups.