

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 917
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30th July, 2024**

ADVANCED HIV DISEASE IN THE COUNTRY

917. SMT. PHULO DEVI NETAM:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are plans to converge National Aids Control Programme (NACP) and Department of Health and Family Welfare (DOHFW);
- (b) if so, the details thereof, including timeline of implementation;
- (c) total number of patients diagnosed with Advanced HIV disease (AHD) in the country, including Bihar; and
- (d) the number of health facilities providing treatment for AHD in the country?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE
(SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV)**

(a) & (b): The National AIDS and STD Control Programme is already under the Department of Health and Family Welfare, since 2014.

(c) & (d): Those People Living with HIV (PLHIV) who have CD4 count less than 200 cells/mm³ or WHO clinical stage 3 or 4, at any time of presentation for care/treatment, are labelled as having Advanced HIV Disease (AHD).

As of June 2024, under the programme around 3.17 lakh PLHIV have been diagnosed with AHD as per the last records of CD4 cell count test done. In Bihar around 5,600 were diagnosed with AHD as per the last records of CD4 cell count test done. For management of AHD, 784 Antiretroviral Therapy Centres are providing free and lifelong treatment and referral linkages to Centres of Excellence in the country.
