

**MOTION OF CALLING ATTENTION UNDER RULE 63 OF THE RULES OF  
PROCEDURE AND CONDUCT OF BUSINESS OF THE GOA LEGISLATIVE  
ASSEMBLY TABLED BY SHRI SUBHASH PHALDESAI, MLA.**

**Name of the Department:** - Department of Health Services.

Sl. No.	Name of Member	Calling Attention	Reply by Shri Laxmikant Parsekar Minister for Health.
1	Shri Subhash Phaldesai, MLA	"Fear and anxiety in the minds of students from Nitya Sevaniketan an orphanage from Rivona admitted in Our Lady of Fatima High School, Rivona in Sanguem as the parents and the locals of the village are protesting and agitating with a demand to remove the above students as they are suspected HIV/AIDS positive. Steps the Government has taken to educate the people and bring awareness movement on HIV+ve AIDS so that the HIV+ve AIDS students enjoy the right to have education in the mainstream with normal students and no discrimination be allowed and stigmatize."	Sir, The steps taken may be seen at Annexure 'A'

**Steps taken by Goa SACS to educate the people and bring awareness on  
HIV/AIDS**

- Regular awareness programmes on HIV/AIDS are held for Angan Wadi Workers, Panchayat Rajya Institutions, police/ tourism personnel, Self Help Groups, teachers, students in schools and colleges, media, trade unions, officials and workers of industries etc.
- A mobile van travels all over the state especially in the interior villages to create awareness on HIV/AIDS.
- Local folk troupes perform in various parts of Goa spreading messages on HIV/AIDS.
- Hoardings with awareness messages on HIV/AIDS are displayed at prominent places.
- Video spots/Awareness promos on HIV/ AIDS.
- General education programmes on HIV/AIDS are conducted for the youth organizations, voluntary bodies, government departments, women, high risk groups, schools, colleges, etc.
- Fillers on HIV/AIDS in Konkani are screened on cable network throughout Goa.
- Live phone-in programmes are conducted on Doordarshan to create awareness on HIV/AIDS.
- Jingles are played on FM Radio for awareness on HIV/AIDS.
- Awareness messages on HIV/AIDS and services provided by Goa State AIDS Control Society are displayed on panels of KTC buses.
- Handbills and pamphlets on Sexually Transmitted Disease and HIV/AIDS in different languages are printed and distributed.
- Posters on Sexually Transmitted Infection/Reproductive Tract Infection/HIV/AIDS/Blood Safety/Post Exposure Prophylaxis, etc. are printed and distributed to all the hospitals, Health Centres, NGOs, etc.
- Folders on Sexually Transmitted Infection/Reproductive Tract Infection are printed and used extensively by field workers for interpersonal communication.
- Informative sessions/open forum on HIV/AIDS/ Sexually Transmitted Diseases are organized for industrial workers police departments. All queries, doubts, misgivings on sex, sexuality and other related topics are answered by a team of doctors at the work place.
- Talks on HIV/AIDS were given by the Health Officers/Medical Officers in schools and colleges in their jurisdiction.
- Question-answer sessions have been held in different educational institutions where a panel of resource persons from the Goa State AIDS Control Society and Goa Medical College answer the questions asked by the students anonymously.

- Adolescence Education program has been initiated through the Education Department where safe sex education with health related information and life skill education is provided.
- Red Ribbon club is a voluntary campus intervention for youth to provide correct information on HIV/AIDS, prevention, care, support and treatment and ensure voluntary blood donation among youth in the age group of 15-29 through multi sectoral collaboration with Educations Department, Indian Red Cross, National Social Service and Department of Youth and Sports Affairs.
- Sensitization workshops on HIV/AIDs were held for Angan Wadi Workers on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2014 in Quepem taluka and 11<sup>th</sup> June 2014 in Sanguem taluka. These trained Angan Wadi Workers in turn will create awareness on HIV/AIDS to the general population in these talukas. In all, 10 Red Ribbon Clubs have been established in Higher Secondary School and Colleges in both these talukas to create awareness on HIV/AIDS among the Students.
- Repeated meetings were held with Nitya Seva Niketan and School authorities to access the situation. Following this a team of Doctors attended the Parents Teachers Association meeting to address the queries of Parents and allay their fears on HIV transmission.
- On 30<sup>th</sup> June 2014 Doctors from Goa Medical College gave detailed explanation on route of transmission of HIV and about her own personal experience in Zero transmission while treating HIV+ patients.
- A programme on myth and misconception about HIV/AIDS has been recorded by Doordarshan on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2014 and will be telecast shortly.
- Video of a Promo Song on HIV/AIDS depicting children is being telecast on Prudent Media.
- All Health Officer/Medical Officer of Primary Health Centers/Community Health Centers/Urban Health Centers have been requested to carry out sensitization programme on HIV/AIDS in their jurisdiction.

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