

(i) The particulars of its organisation, functions and duties;

Name of the Organisation: - Chandigarh State AIDS Control Society

About CSACS: -

Chandigarh State AIDS Control Society (CSACS) was registered in 1998 for implementing National AIDS Control Programme. NACP is a 100% centrally sponsored project. Secretary Health, UT Chandigarh is the Chairman of the Society, Project Director is the technical head assisted by Deputy Directors, Assistant Directors, other officers and supporting staff.

During NACP I (1992-1999) the stress was on awareness generation among the general population and high risk population. In NACP II (1999-2006) main focus was targeted interventions for HRGs along with awareness increase in awareness among general population and high risk population. It also included strengthening and expansion of VCTC, Blood Bank, PPTCT and PEP services etc.

Function of CSACS: -

1. To fully utilize the funds sent by NACO for AIDS programme in the state of Punjab according to Govt. of India guidelines.
2. To prevent HIV transmission and to control its spread.
3. To reduce morbidity and mortality associated with HIV infection.
4. To reduce the adverse social and economic impact resulting from HIV infection.
5. To coordinate and strengthen STD/HIV/AIDS surveillance.
6. To provide technical support in HIV/AIDS prevention and control to govt. and non-govt. organizations.
7. To enhance the community awareness specifically Knowledge, attitude and practice of high risk groups.
8. To develop health education materials for distribution and adoption by agencies working in AIDS prevention.
9. To channelize and integrate the activities of non-governmental organizations in AIDS control and prevention.
10. To promote safety of blood and blood products and encourage voluntary blood donations movements.
11. To provide facilities and to strengthen sexually transmitted diseases service in government and private medical institutions and practitioners.

12. To provide diagnostic management facilities for HIV/AIDS.
13. To develop counseling services.
14. To organize social support for management of HIV infected and AIDS patients.

Duties of CSACS

1. To strengthen and modernize blood bank so that every unit of blood is screen for Human Immuno deficiency virus before transfusion.
2. To strengthen sexually transmitted diseases and to coordinate sexually transmitted disease surveillance.
3. To launch an intensive campaign about the preventive aspects of STD/HIV infections.
4. To provide effective clinical managements including home care surveillance and research.
5. Other activities related to the objectives stated above.