

- (iii) Control of STDs and condom promotion; and
- (iv) Better surveillance and clinical management of HIV/AIDS cases.

All the States and the Union Territories in the Country are participating in the implementation of the Programme.

#### PSUs Working Capacity

\*687. SHRI N.J. RATHVA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

- (a) whether most of the Public Sector Undertakings have not been working to their capacity as on April 95;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, Undertaking-wise.
- (c) the details of the losses suffered by them during the last three years; and
- (d) the action taken or proposed to be taken to improve their working capacity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) and (b). During 1993-94, the year for which latest information is available, 52% of the manufacturing/producing units of public undertakings had utilised 75% or more of the installed capacity. Another 26% of the units operated at 50-75% of the capacity while the remaining 22% of the units could operate at below 50% of the available capacity. The undertaking-wise details as available are given in Statement No.23 of Volume-I of the Public Enterprises Survey, 1993-94 tabled in the House on 22nd March, 1995.

(c) The manufacturing/producing PSUs, as a whole, had made a net profit of Rs. 3252.77 crores, 2169.56 crores and Rs.1754.69 crores during 1993-94, 1992-93 and 1991-92 respectively. The details are given below.

	(Rs. in crores)		
	1993-94	1992-93	1991-92
Profit of Profit making enterprises (No. of enterprises)	7599.45 (75)	5477.26 (83)	4819.65 (86)
Loss of Loss making enterprises (no. of enterprises)	4346.68 (89)	3307.70 (81)	3064.96 (77)
No. of enterprises which made neither profit nor loss.	2	2	2
<b>Total net profit</b>	<b>3252.77</b>	<b>2169.56</b>	<b>1754.69</b>

(d) Periodic performance review, restructuring/revival of sick units, wider public/employee participation, human resource development, Professionalisation of Board of Directors, technology upgradation, diversification of

product-mix, improved maintenance of plant & machinery and expert promotion are some of the measures taken to improve capacity utilisation.

[English]

#### Closure of Ordnance Factories

\*688. SHRI A. INDRAKARAN REDDY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the ordnance factories are on the verge of closure due to insufficient demands/orders from armed forces;
- (b) if so, the remedial measures taken in this regard;
- (c) whether ordnance factories have been driven to take civil trade orders from Public Sector Undertakings and private sector for optimum utilisation of facilities capacities and infrastructure available with them and have also been entrusted with new projects; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) No, Sir. The factories have been functioning normally; in fact, their sales to armed forces have been increasing.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The defence production units have established capacities to levels of demand in peace and war. However, peace time demand levels, as also budgetary constraints, result in orders from the armed forces which do not always match the production capacities established. For utilisation of the spareable capacities and skills, after meeting the requirements of defence forces, the defence production units undertake diversification so as to raise their turnover and productivity. Diversification also enhances their exposure to commercial industrial culture.

(d) Ordnance factories sales to the Civil sector (excluding para-military forces) in 1994-95 (Rs.118 crores) have been 11 per cent higher than those in 1993-94 (Rs.106 crores).

Ordnance factories are entrusted with new projects as per the emerging requirements of the services. Currently the major project under implementation relate to filling of large calibre shells and 5.56 mm ammunition.

#### HIV Virus

\*689. SHRI PARAS RAM BHARDWAJ : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

- (a) whether any new strain of HIV Virus has been detected;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;