

In addition to the above housing schemes, three Urban Infrastructure schemes have been sanctioned by HUDCO during 1989-90 with the project cost of Rs. 556.61 lakhs and loan commitment of Rs. 278.28 lakhs.

During these years, HUDCO has released funds to the extent of Rs. 99.27 lakhs, Rs. 399.17 lakhs and Rs. 40.52 lakhs respectively; to the implementing agencies. Information about actual expenditure incurred is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

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Aids Control Programme

2733. SHRISHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have launched any programme for prevention and control of AIDS; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI. D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b). The Government of India formulated National AIDS Control Programme in 1987 with a view to arresting the HIV infection. The programme has three major components viz. Surveillance, Health and Community Education and Ensuring safety of blood and blood products.

SURVEILLANCE:

67 surveillance centres and 4 referral centres have been established in different parts of the country with the specific objec-

tive of screening persons belonging to high risk groups, i.e. Prostitutes, Hetro-sexually promiscuous males, STD Patients, Blood donors, Inmates of remand homes and foreigners. In addition, for Clinical Management of AIDS, in 13 Medical Colleges AIDS Units have been set up.

HEALTH AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION:

Health Education activities have been intensified to increase awareness among general public, youth and also students of schools and colleges.

SAFETY OF BLOOD AND BLOOD PRODUCTS:

Another important measure for the prevention of AIDS in the country is testing of blood donors for HIV infection by all the surveillance centres and zonal blood testing centres.

To ensure safety of blood products, all the 9 units manufacturing blood products have been given appropriate instructions.

[*Translation*]

Vacant Post of Teachers

2734. SHRI SHIV SHARAN VERMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of posts of teachers are lying vacant in various schools of Delhi;

(b) if so, since when these posts are lying vacant; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to fill these posts?