

steel case. The weight of the radioactive material namely Caesium stated in the news item (Indian Express, October 11, 1993) is incorrect and the correct value is of the order of 0.02 gram only.

HIV Infection Among Indian UNTAC Troops

2130. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been invited to the newsitem "No surprise over HIV infection among Indian UNTAC troops" appearing in the 'Economic Times', New Delhi dated September 14, 1993;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to see that the Indian troops sent abroad on peace-keeping missions do not get infected with Human Immuno-deficiency Virus (HIV) during their stay at foreign land?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. A total of 2358 personnel were deployed at UNTAC, Cambodia, between June 1992 to November 1993. A few personnel have tested HIV positive on return. These personnel have been put under surveillance. Necessary measures have been taken to educate the troops on all aspects related to AIDS and

stricter discipline is being enforced on the UN-bound troops.

[*Translation*]

Computers Industry

2131. SHRI SURENDRA PAL PATHAK : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the growth of computer industry during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the steps being taken by the Government to boost the computer industry and make it competitive at international level;

(c) whether the Government have received some suggestions from Information Technology Export Federation in this regard; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) the production and growth of Computer industry during the last three years is given below :

(*Rs. Crores*)

<i>Year</i>	<i>Production</i>	<i>(%) Growth</i>
1990-91	820	- 1.8
1991-92	870	8.1
1992-93	1040	19.5