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**Committee of Experts**

3450. SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA :  
 SHRI V. SREENIVASA  
 PRASAD :  
 SHRI PRAMOTHES  
 MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have constituted a Committee of Experts to suggest trimming down of the staff strength in both AIR and Doordarshan;

(b) if so, the details alongwith terms and conditions thereof; and

(c) the reasons for constituting such a Committee ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO) : (a) to (c) A two-member committee comprising Shri S.P. Bhatikar, Retired Engineer in Chief, All India Radio and V.V. Rao, Retired Chief Engineer, Doordarshan has been set up to study the international data on man-power deployment and suggest the minimum technical man-power required for operation and maintenance of the hardware facilities of All India Radio and Doordarshan.

**AIDS Control**

3451. SHRI ANKUSHRAO RAOSAHEB TOPE : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state

(a) whether a massive Rs. 223 crore programme to control the Acquired Immuno Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) has been launched;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof;

(c) whether any targets for control of the disease have been set;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the role of States so far as the implementation of the programme is concerned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). The strategies to combat AIDS consist of generation of awareness amongst risk behaviour groups and the general public, prevention and control of STD, Promotion of Condom for prevention of STD, HIV, Blood Safety and rational use of blood and better facilities for surveillance diagnosis and management of HIV/AIDS cases. The programme aims at showing down the spread of HIV epidemic through the above stated interventions.

(e) The implementation of this programme is primarily through the States with funding support and guidance from the Central Government.

**Foreign Assistance for FWPs**

3452. SHRI THOTA SUBBARAO :  
 SHRI ARJUN SINGH YADAV:  
 SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND