

AIDS Cell at Infections Disease Hospital

5274. SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government had proposed to set up AIDS cell at the Infectious Disease Hospital in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the cell is likely to start functioning?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

Atomic Energy Research

5275. SHRI A. INDRAKARAN REDDY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the expenditure incurred annually on Atomic Energy Research; and

(b) the details of the inventions made recently in the field of atomic energy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND DEPARTMENT OF SPACE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) The figures for annual expenditure on atomic energy research for the three years 1991-94 are as under :

Year	Plan (Rs. in Crores)	Non-Plan	Total
1991-92	82.33	218.09	300.42
1992-93	85.35	246.43	331.78
1993-94	107.17	285.13	392.30

(b) Achievements have been made in high technology areas like power and research reactors, radio isotope production and utilisation, lasers, accelerators, fusion, control systems, robotics, super computers, cryogenics, materials technology, information technology and bio-technology.

US Investments in India

5276. SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the discussions held in New Delhi between the US Treasury Secretary, the Ministers and other senior officials of the Union Government during the former's visit to India in April, 1995;

(b) the outcome of the discussions particularly with regard to US investments in India in various sectors;

(c) whether the visit of the US Treasury Secretary and the aforesaid discussion is likely to clear all the obstacles in the way of US investments, etc. in various projects in India which have been cropping up in recent months; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) to (d). The US Treasury Secretary Mr. Robert Rubin visited India from April 17-20, 1995 and held discussion with various authorities including in the Ministries of Finance, External Affairs and Commerce etc. The focus of discussion related to further fostering and strengthening of economic and commercial relations between the two countries. The visiting dignitary was made familiar with the current policy initiatives that are conducive to investors. The extensive opportunities for increasing US investments particularly in the core infrastructure sectors were also highlighted. The irreversibility of the reform process was also emphasized. In the light of discussions, it was accepted that both countries would continue to work closely with each other to promote further investment from USA to India, as also to strengthen bilateral economic and commercial relations.

National Institute of Communicable Diseases

5277. SHRI RAM NAIK : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the places where branches of National Institute of Communicable Diseases are located in the country;

(b) whether in the recent outbreak of plague in Maharashtra, the blood samples had to be sent to Bangalore branch and as a result there was considerable delay in testing of samples;

(c) if so, whether the Government propose to open new branches in other States also; and

(d) the details thereof with locations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA) : (a) The branches of National Institute of Communicable Diseases, Delhi are located at the following places: Alwar (Rajasthan), Bangalore (Karnataka), Calicut (Kerala), Coonoor (Tamil Nadu), Jagdalpur (Madhya Pradesh), Patna (Bihar), Rajahmundry (Andhra Pradesh), Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh).

(b) Blood samples from Maharashtra, were sent to the Bangalore branch. However, non-availability of adequate quantity of Diagnostic reagents and large number of samples required to be examined within a short period of time contributed to some delay in testing of samples.

(c) and (d). There is no such proposal. However, financial assistance has been provided to some medical colleges/hospitals in the States for upgradation of Laboratory facilities.