AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a): Yes, Sir.

(b) As a result of discussions held during the visit of the Indian renewable energy delegation to the USA in December, 1994, 22 agreements and memoranda of understanding were signed/announced between the two sides, mainly in the private sector. During discussions, UNDP agreed to consider support to India, in the renewable energy sector and also provide information and inputs, based on the experiences of other countries, for a package of policy, incentives and legislation for the development of this sector in India. World Bank agreed to consider simplification of procedures, for speedy implementation of World Bank assisted projects. They have already started considering our projects submitted for GEF assistance. The meetings with NRIs and NGOs in USA have paved the way for enhanced investments in the renewable energy sector by way of setting up of joint ventures. The participation of US financing agencies in the Indian renewable energy sector has also started.

(c) and (d). Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources is already implementing a wide range of renewable energy programmes/projects. Major among them are the National Programmes on Biogas Development, Improved cookstoves, Solar Photovoltaic Lighting, Solar PV Water Pumping, Solar Cooker, Wind Electric Power generation, Small Hydro Power, Cogeneration in Sugar mills and Solar Thermal applications. Apart from other decentralized energy applications, MNES has set for itself a target of 2000 MW through renewable energy during the Eighth Five Year Plan. Exploitation of renewable energy sources and achievement of goals will require large investment and induction of new technologies which is expected to come from private investment through joint ventures and assistance from bilateral and multilateral agencies which has been stimulated during the visit of Indian delegation to USA.

[Translation]

HIV Patients

440. DR. GUNVANT RAMBHAU SARODE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of HIV positive cases identified in Maharashtra till date;

(b) the hospitals in the State where facilities for the testing of AIDS are available;

(c) whether any AIDS control programme is being implemented in the above State with the foreign assistance; and

(d) the funds provided for this purpose during 1993-94?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) As on 28th February, 1995, 5482 HIV positive cases have been reported from Maharashtra. (b) The requisite information is given in the Statement attached.

(c) and (d). Under the National AIDS Control Programme being implemented in the country with soft loan from the World Bank, a grant of Rs. 16,66,68,600 has been released to the State of Maharashtra during 1993-94.

STATEMENT

Hiv Testing Facilities are Available at the Following Hospitals/Institutions in Maharashtra

Surveillance Centres

- 1. Department of Microbiology, Seth G.S. Medical College, Bombay.
- 2. Department of Microbiology, J.J. Hospital, Bombay,
- 3. Sion Hospital, Bombay.
- 4. B.Y.M. Nair Hospital, Bombay.
- 5. Rayabari Hospital, Ghatkopar, Bombay.
- 6. B.J. Medical College, Pune.
- 7. Department of Microbiology, Govt. Medical College, Nagpur.
- 8. Civil Hospital, Kolhapur
- 9. District Hospital, Chandrapur
- 10. Government Medical College, Miraj.
- 11. Indian Naval Ship Hospital, Ashwani, Bombay.
- 12. Department of Microbiology, Armed Forces Medical College, Pune.

Reference Centres

- 1. Indian Institute of Immunohaematology, Bombay.
- 2. National AIDS Research Institue (NARI), Pune.

Zonal Blood Testing Centres

- 1. Blood Bank, KEM Hospital, Bombay.
- 2. Blood Bank, L.T.M.G. Hospital, Bombay.
- 3. Blood Bank, B.Y.L. Nair Hospital, Bombay.
- 4. Blood Bank, Haffkine Institute, Bombay.
- 5. Blood Bank, Tata Memorial Hospital, Bombay.
- 6. Blood Bank, Red Cross, Bombay.
- 7. Blood Bank, Cooper Hospital, Bombay.
- 8. Blood Bank, Rajawadi Hospital, Bombay.
- 9. Blood Bank, J.J. Hospital, Bombay.
- 10. Blood Bank, General Hospital, Solapur.
- 11. Blood Bank, Govt. Hospital, Ulhasnagar.
- 12. Blood Bank, Sasoon Hospital, Pune.
- 13. Blood Bank, Govt. Medical Collage, Miraj.
- 14. Blood Bank, District Hospital, Chandrapur
- 15. Blood Bank, General Hospital, Kolhapur.
- 16. Blood Bank, Medical College, Nagpur.
- 17. Blood Bank, J.M. Hospital, Imphal.

[English]

Show of Air Power

441. SHRI UDAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether show of Air Power has been resumed durign recent Republic Day Parade after a gap of ten years;

(b) if so, the details of the aircrafts participated in the Air show;

(c) the background of such resumption;

(d) whether huge amount has been spent on this show during rehearsal and actual show of Air Power;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether such resumption is likely to have some impact on the strength of Indian Air Force in the world;

(g) if so, the details thereof; and

(h) the steps proposed to be taken to keep this trend up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) A limited short duration fly past by a variety of aircraft was held on the occasion of Republic Day Parade 1995. The last fly past was in the Parade of 1985.

(b) The participating aircraft were:

Jaguars	- 15
Mig-29	- 16
IL-76	- 1
AN-32	- 2
Dornier	- 2

(c) Such participation by aircraft of the Indian Air Force promotes national pride and also interest in the Air Force.

(d) and (e). Formation flying is part of the normal training/exercise requirements of the Air Force. No additional expenditure was required to be incurred for the fly past.

(f) to (h). The military part of the Republic Day Parade as a whole symbolises the nation's determination to defend its sovereignty against any external threat.

Plague Virus

442. PROF. RAM KAPSE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether samples of plague virus collected at Surat by four scientists of World Health Organisation are found missing;

(b) if so, whether the Government have made inquiries in the matter;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) to (d). No, Sir, the samples were analysed at Haffkine Institute, Bombay and National Institute of Communicable Diseases Delhi. Some samples were retained with World Health Organisation, South East Asian Regional Office at New Delhi for future reference and collaborative studies.

K.V.I.C. in Maharashtra

443. SHRI ANNA JOSHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

 (a) the details of the industrial sponsored run by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission in the tribal and backward areas in Maharashtra;

(b) the wear-wise details of the work done by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission in Maharashtra during the last three years; and

(c) the number of cooperative and private units in which assistance has been provided by the State Khadi and Village Industries Board during the same period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES) (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) The details of industrial units sponsored/run by KVIC industrywise in the Tribal and backward areas in Maharashtra is given in *Statement* enclosed:

(b) In Maharashtra, the production and employment in respect of Khadi and Village Industries during the last 3 years was as under:---

	1991-92	92-93	93-94
Production (Rs. in Cro	res)		
KHADI	9.89	13.52	15.03
V.1.	401.39	454.94	522.24
TOTAL	411.28	468.46	537.27
Employment (Lakh pers	sons)		
KHADI	0.15	0.19	0.19
V.1.	4.28	4.43	4.62
TOTAL	4.43	4.62	4.81

(c) Details of units in which assistance has been provided by State KVI Board Maharashtra are as under:---

Years	No. of working units					
	Registered Institutions	Cooperative Individuals Societies		Total		
1991-92	86	770	1,96,336	1,97,192		
1992-93	93	795	2,08,495	2,09,383		
1993- 9 4	91	832	2,18,608	2,19,531		