

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have also made arrangements to test the tourists, Embassy/High Commission Staff or accredited journalists; and

(d) if so, the number of tourists tested for AIDS during last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA) : (a) to (d). Guidelines were issued to all States/Union Territories in May, 1992 requiring HIV Free Certificates from WHO approved laboratories from all foreigners who intend to stay in India for more than a year. Diplomats/Priests/Nuns and accredited Journalists are exempted from this requirement.

[Translation]

#### Population Watch Clock

6017. SHRI BIR SINGH MAHATO : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the places where population watches have been installed so far in the country;

(b) whether the Government propose to instal such watches in all the districts of the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR) : (a) Population Clocks have been installed at five places in the country so far;

- Inter State Bus Terminus, Delhi.
- All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi.
- Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.
- Nirman Bhavan, New Delhi.
- Tribune Office, Chandigarh.

(b) No Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) No funds have been earmarked for the purpose.

#### Artificial Cardiac Valve

6018. DR. AMRIT LAL KALIDAS PATEL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether several Government hospitals are having facility for implantation of artificial cardiac valve;

(b) if so, the details thereof with locations;

(c) the total cost of these implantation; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to give this facility to poor people free of cost?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA) : (a) and (b). Facilities for Cardiac by-pass surgeries and other heart procedures are available in AIIMS, New Delhi, G.B. Pant Hospital, New Delhi, PGIMER, Chandigarh, Valve replacement is also done in Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi.

(c) Prices of valve varies from Rs. 33550 to Rs. 60500 depending upon nature and make of the valves. The cost of imported intracardiac device is between Rs. 4.5 to 5 lakhs.

(d) At present no proposal for subsidising the cost of valve and ICD is under consideration however, poor patients are provided monetary assistance from out of Health Minister's Discretionary Fund and Prime Minister's Relief fund on merits.

[English]

#### Village and Cottage Industries

6019. SHRI RAM PRASAD SINGH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Bihar have requested the Centre to provide financial assistance for setting up more village and cottage industries in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof and action taken thereon; and

(c) the places where the village and cottage industries were established in Bihar with Central assistance during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES) (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

#### National Corrosion Testing Facility

6020. SHRI P.C. CHACKO : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have been incurring loss every year in controlling corrosion in the absence of a National Corrosion Testing Facility;

(b) if so, the estimated loss suffered during the last three years; and

(c) the remedial measures taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

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) and (b). Generally, it is estimated that a country's loss due to