

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA) :
(a) 35 HIV positive cases have been reported so far from Meghalaya.

(b) HIV screening facilities are available at the Surveillance Centre in Civil Hospital, Shillong and at the Zonal Blood Testing Centre situated in Blood Bank, Pasture Hospital, Shillong.

- (c) (i) 1993-94 Rs. 21.97 lakhs.
(ii) 1994-95 Rs. 40.29 lakhs.

Tube Plants at NFC

3396. SHRI DATTATRAYA BANDARU : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state ;

(a) whether Nuclear Fuel Complex, Hyderabad has started Tube Plants;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the present status of the tube plants?

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). Production facilities for the manufacture of 2000 tonne per annum stainless steel scamless tubes were set up in the Nuclear Fuel Complex (NFC) in 1978. Facilities for the manufacture of 21,000 Tonne per annum bearing steel tubes were set up in the NFC in 1981.

(c) An MOU has been entered into between NFC and Indian Scamless Machine Tools Limited to float a Joint Venture Company for improving the capacity utilisation of the tube plants.

Khadi and Village Industries Commission

3397. SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT :
SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ :
SHRI DEVI BUX SINGH :
DR. RAMESH CHAND TOMAR :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether any scheme is being sponsored by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission to provide loans to the handicapped, SC/ST, backward and lower income group people for self employment;

(b) if so, the number of persons benefited under the scheme, category-wise and State-wise;

(c) whether any new schemes are being evolved by the Government in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES) (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b). No, Sir. However, KVIC has formulated liberalised pattern of assistance for bill, border tribal and weaker section areas. As per the revised liberalised pattern of assistance, the Institutions/Societies/Individuals under SC/ST in such notified regions/areas are financed with 25% grant and 75% loan. In plain areas the institutions specially established for the benefit of SC/ST are financed with 15% grant and 85% loan as per the approved pattern of assistance of KVIC. Out of the total employment of 53.28 lakhs persons during the year 1993-94 the share of SC/ST in total employment of KVIC is around 31%.

(c) and (d). No, Sir. However, in the special employment generation programmes being launched by KVIC subsequent to the recommendations of High Power Committee, more and more employment opportunities are being given for the benefits of SC/ST, backward and lower income group people.

Loan Licences Scheme

3398. SHRI SOMJIBHAI DAMOR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the terms and conditions laid down in loan licences scheme;

(b) the industries to which it is applicable;

(c) whether the Government have discontinued or propose to discontinue the above scheme in view of the present liberalised economic and industrial policies; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHL) : (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

[Translation]

C.B.I. Cases

3399. SHRI ARJUN SINGH YADAV :
SHRI KHELAN RAM JANGDE :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of cases being investigated by the Central Bureau of Investigation in Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh at present, separately;

(b) the dates for which the C.B.I. initiated enquiry into these cases;