

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Government is committed to the policy of protecting the handloom weavers and to exclusively reserve items for production on handlooms. That is why, the Government is soon going to move a Bill to amend the constitution to include the Handlooms (Reservation of Articles for Production) Act, 1985 in the Ninth Schedule of the Constitution. At the same time, it is proposed to further strengthen the Central and State enforcement machineries created for implementing the policy of Reservation.

[English]

AIDS Virus in Manipur

391. SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND

| <i>Category</i> | <i>Male</i> | <i>Female</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|----------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| I.V. Drug abusers | 415 | 15 | 430 |
| Blood Donors | 16 | — | 16 |
| Patients with S.T.D. | 2 | — | — |
| Total | 433 | 15 | 446 |

The Government of India during the current financial year under the National AIDS Control Programme has released a sum of Rs. 10 lacs for establishment of AIDS unit at the J.N. Hospital, Imphal and another Rs. 10 lacs for development of health education material on AIDS for the target groups like youths and college going students and blood donors.

FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government have received any report regarding growing drug addiction in the State of Manipur and the spreading of AIDS virus in the state by the drug addicts;

(b) if so, whether Union Government have made any critical study of the situation in the State of Manipur; and

(c) if so, the outcome thereof and the steps taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) to (c). Yes. A team from the Headquarters was sent to the State of Manipur to assess the situation regarding HIV infection AIDS. It was observed that the probable source of infection was mainly from the intravenous drug abusers. The details of the sero positive cases in Manipur are as follows:

[Translation]

Central Allocation for Flood Control and Irrigation Projects of Bihar

392. SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state: