

(b) is so, the special facilities suggested in this report for the doctors who are deployed in rural areas ;

(c) whether Government have considered this matter ; and

(d) if so, the scheme proposed by the Government to implement this idea ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (d) Chapter VIII of the Report of the Medical Education Review Committee relates to incentives to doctors for service in the rural areas. The Report of the Medical Education Review Committee along with a Statement indicating the decisions of the Government of India on the recommendations of the Committee has already been placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha on 2nd May, 1986.

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#### Prevention of AIDS

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that cases of 'AIDS' disease are on the increase in various parts of the country ?

(b) if so, the number of patients suffered from the disease State-wise and the States where this disease is now spreading ;

(c) whether some persons have also died due to this disease, if so, number there of State-wise ; and

(d) steps being taken by Government for prevention of this disease ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) The 18 cases of confirmed AIDS infection detected by Western blot Test so far are spread over as under :—

Tamil Nadu — 15

Maharashtra—2

Andhra Pradesh-1

Out of these, two have developed the disease and one has developed AIDS related complex and the rest have not developed any clinical manifestations yet.

(c) Only one patient from Maharashtra has died.

(d) 1. Twelve diagnostic centres for detection of AIDS have been set up in the country. In addition, 4 referral centres have also been established where higher level diagnostic facilities for AIDS are available,

2 Restrictions have been imposed for import of blood and blood products without AIDS clearance certificate,

3 All the State Health authorities/hospitals/STD Clinics have been alerted to look for AIDS.

4. All the blood banks have been instructed to screen the professional blood donors,

5. All the State health authorities have been advised to ensure strict sterilisation practices in hospitals and clinics and to use pre-sterilised disposable syringes and needles as far as possible,

6. Guidelines have been sent to all the State health authorities for health care personnel, and

7. All the mass media channels have been involved in educating the people on AIDS, its nature, transmission and prevention.