

Data is provisional.

(d) Measures taken by the Government to check the parasitic diseases viz. Malaria, Filariasis, Kala-azar, Guinea-worm and intestinal parasitic diseases, are as under; Malaria, Filariasis and Kala-azar.

(i) Recurrent anti-larval operation at weekly intervals with mosquito larvicidal oil, organo-phosphorus larvicides and source reduction to reduce mosquito breeding places.

(2) Timely and adequate spraying with appropriate insecticides to kill the vectors of Malaria, Filariasis and Kala-azar.

(3) Health education for personal protection. *Guinea-worm and intestinal Parasitic diseases.*

(i) Emphasis has been laid on supplying safe drinking water and improvement of environmental sanitation.

(ii) Health education and safe disposal of human excreta by encouragement of construction of low cost sanitary latrines.

(iii) Health education and use of Temphos 3-4 rounds in the affected water sources, to destroy the infected cyclops.

Detection of AIDS

8887. SHRI DAULATSINHJI JADEJA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are contemplating community-wise testing for AIDS in vulnerable areas in the country;

(b) whether many cases of AIDS are going unreported;

(c) if so, whether all the State Governments have been alerted on the need to detect and prevent spread of AIDS; and

(d) the details of such steps taken so far ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE) : (a) and (b). The Surveillance Centres for AIDS are screening persons belonging high risk groups viz : prostitutes, drug addicts, intravenous drug users, professional blood donors, and people suffering from sexually transmitted diseases.

Upto the end of 15th March, 1988 altogether 91,141 persons have been screened, of which 343 have been confirmed to have AIDS infection.

(c) All the State Health Authorities/Hospitals/STD clinics have been issued necessary guidelines to detect and prevent spread of AIDS.

(d) The following steps are being taken by Government :-

(1) A Cell has been established in the Directorate General of Health Services to coordinate AIDS Control activity in the country.

(2) 38 Surveillance Centres have been established in the country to screen high risk groups.

(3) All these centres have been provided with diagnostic reagents and equipment package have also been provided to most of them.

(4) Restrictions have been imposed on import of blood and blood products without AIDS clearance certificate.

(5) All the State Health authorities/hospitals/STD clinics have been alerted to be vigilant.

(6) All the blood banks have been instructed to screen the professional blood donors.

(7) All the State Health authorities have been advised to ensure strict sterilisation practices in hospitals and clinics and to use per-sterilised disposable syringes and needles as far as possible.

(8) Guidelines have been sent to all the State Health authorities for health care personnel.

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

(10) Foreigners

I. New foreign students being admitted in any of the Indian Institutions are required to undergo AIDS test. Anybody found positive is repatriated to his country.

II. It has been decided to screen for AIDS the foreigners intending to stay for more than one year in India. Members of the diplomatic missions and foreign journalists accredited to the PIB will, however, be exempted from the AIDS test at this stage. Anybody found positive is to be repatriated to his country.

Deaths Caused by Buses of State Road Transport Corporations

8888. SHRI D.P. JADEJA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state the total number of deaths caused by buses of the State Road Transport Corporations in 1987 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : According to available information, the total number of deaths in 1987 involving buses of State Transport Undertakings, including State Road Transport Corporations, was 3905.

University Grants Commission Assistance to Various Universities

8889. SHRI D.P. JADEJA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the budget of the University Grants Commission for 1988;

(b) the amount earmarked for extension and strengthening of the existing faculties in various Universities; and

(c) the details of proposal cleared for release of funds in 1988 giving details regarding names and faculties of Universities selected and the amount earmarked for each ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L.P. SHAHI) : (a) The total budget provision approved for UGC for 1988-89 is Rs. 177 crores under Non-Plan and Rs. 129 crores under Plan. There is in addition a separate allocation of Rs. 12 crore for Technical Education.

(b) and (c). The Non-Plan budget of the UGC consists of the maintenance expenditure of 8 Central Universities, 8 institutions deemed to be Universities, Colleges in Delhi and expenditure on award of Junior/Senior fellowships and the Secretariat of UGC.

The Plan provision of the UGC consists of the development grant to be sanctioned by the Commission to all the eligible Universities and Colleges in the Country. According to the practice followed by the Commission, the development grants payable to the Universities are not allocated to each university on an annual basis. The general development programmes of Universities and colleges are approved for each Plan period as a whole and grants are released in suitable instalments. During the 7th Plan, the Commission has so far approved grants totalling about Rs. 190 crores for 99 Universities for strengthening their infrastructure. The Plan provision of Rs. 129 crores in 1988-89 was approved against an anticipated expenditure of Rs. 165.50 crores proposed by the Commission. The details of the allocation of Rs. 165.50 crores amongst the major Schemes is given in the Statement given below. The reallocation of the approved Plan budget of Rs. 129 crores amongst the various schemes has yet not been finalised.