

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by State Governments in this regard, State-wise?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D.L. BAITHA): (a) to (c). The States/ Union Territories have been advised from time to time for considering the supply of more commodities of mass consumption through the Public Distribution System. The items to be so distributed are to be decided by State Governments/U.T. Administrations and their distribution fully administered by them. Many of the States/UTs have made arrangements for supply of pulses, coarse grains, janata cloth, tea, salt, matches, soap etc. through the fair price shops, in addition to the commodities provided by the Central Government.

#### Cotton Export

90. SHRI SHANTILAL PATEL:  
SHRI T.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR-  
APPA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the export of cotton was lower from January to October, 1988 as compared to the corresponding period during 1987;

(b) if so, the month-wise details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the total export of cotton made till date during 1988-89?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is given below.

(c) During the current cotton year 1988-89, a quantity of 51,241 bales of Bengal Deshi have been released for export. This entire quantity is expected to be exported during the current cotton year.

#### STATEMENT

(Quantity in lakh bales)

1987		
Month	Staple Cotton	Bengal Deshi
1	2	3
January	1.07	0.05
February	1.55	0.03
March	3.09	0.14
April	0.90	
May	0.90	—
June	0.49	0.06

1	2	3
July	0.25	0.10
August	1.14	0.20
September	Nil	Nil
October	Nil	Nil

No export of staple cotton Bengal Deshi took places during the period January-October, 1988, since no quotas were released in view of shortage of cotton and the prevailing high prices.

#### Panic in A.I.I.M.S. Over Injection with AIDS Positive

91. SHRI K.S. RAO:  
 SHRI SHARAD DIGHE:  
 SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE:  
 SHRI SURESH KURUP:  
 DR. A.K. PATEL:  
 SHRI SAIFUDDIN CHOWDHARY:  
 SHRI KALI PRASAD PANDEY:  
 DR. SUDHIR ROY:  
 SHRI E. AYYAPU REDDY:

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

(a) whether two samples of an immunoglobulin injections have tested AIDS positive at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences thus giving rise to widespread concern and panic among the doctors;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken by Government to prevent administration of contaminated in-

jections to avoid complications for the patients and to withdraw the stock of such injections from the market; and

(d) the action taken against the manufacturer of these injections?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARISAROJKHAPARDE):  
 (a) and (b). Yes; the All India Institute of Medical Sciences had suo moto conducted the HIV antibody tests on two samples of injection Anti-D supplied by M/s. Bharat Serum & Vaccines Pvt. Ltd., Bombay on 23-1-1989 by ELISA and Western Blot and found positive for anti-bodies under both tests. However the samples when tested for presence of viral antigen gave negative results.

(c) and (d). On receipt of information from AIIMS on 23-1-89, Drugs Controller of India directed the Commissioner Food & Drugs Administration, Maharashtra for stopping production and distribution, freezing stocks distributed, and immediate investigation of procedure for manufacture in M/s. Bharat Serum & Vaccines, Bombay. He has taken immediate necessary corrective action.

The Indian Council of Medical Research was also directed to look at the technical dimensions of the problem.