

[Translation]

Soft Drink Company

3475. SHRI T. GOVINDAN : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the amount earned by the foreign Soft Drink companies in India for the last three years, company-wise;

(b) the details of its adverse effect on the domestic soft drink manufactures; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to encourage domestic small scale industries to invest in this field?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a) Soft drink companies are operating in private sector. Government do not maintain details of profits and loss earned by these companies.

(b) As a result of entry of foreign soft drink companies, the soft drink sector has become very competitive. This has resulted in many of the domestic soft drink manufacturers entering into franchises agreement with the foreign companies for bottling their brands.

(c) Benefits admissible for small scale sector are also available to small scale units engaged in manufacture of soft drinks.

[English]

Handbook on AIDS

3476. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Army's Directorate General of Medical Services has brought out a handbook on AIDS;

(b) if so, the steps being taken to prevent spread of AIDS amongst Defence personnel; and

(c) the expenditure incurred on AIDS prevention programme during 1996-97, 1997-98, 1998-99 and earmarked for 1999-2000?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) to (c) A book titled "Commanders' hand book on AIDS" has been prepared by Armed Forces Medical College, Pune and the same was mass produced by Directorate General of Medical Services (Army).

2. The following steps are being taken, to prevent the spread of AIDS among Defence personnel:—

(a) IEC (Information, Education and Communication synonymous with Health Education) activities on prevention and control of HIV/AIDS have been stepped up in the Armed Forces. These IEC activities are undertaken by medical, nursing and para-medical staff and also by commanders at all levels and religious teachers. A video film was developed by the Armed Forces Medical College highlighting the causes and prevention of HIV/AIDS among the Armed Forces Personnel. The same was mass produced by Directorate General Medical Services, Army and distributed to all Units in the Army.

(b) Only HIV infection free Blood is used for transfusion to service personnel and their families.

(c) Condoms are made available freely in the units for service personnel.

(d) Service personnel found sero-positive for HIV are examined frequently and preventive measures are being taken against the spread of infection from such personnel while providing medical care to them.

3. The expenditure on the control of HIV/AIDS is met from the consolidated Budgetary provision made available to the Armed Forces Medical Services for providing comprehensive health care facilities to service personnel and their families. In addition, following grant-in-aid for surveillance of HIV/AIDS has been provided by National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

Year	Amount (in Rs.)
1996-97	Nil
1997-98	15,24,500.00
1998-99	13,61,000.00
1999-2000	Not received so far.