

## STATEMENT

S.No.	Name of the States/UTs	No. of Sections/ Centres
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	994
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	—
3.	Assam	350
4.	Bihar	444
5.	Goa	89
6.	Gujarat	621
7.	Haryana	651
8.	Himachal Pradesh	50
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	16
10.	Karnataka	1227
11.	Kerala	690
12.	Madhya Pradesh	640
13.	Maharashtra	2842
14.	Manipur	48
15.	Meghalaya	4
16.	Mizoram	6
17.	Nagaland	—
18.	Orissa	424
19.	Punjab	486
20.	Rajasthan	463
21.	Sikkim	7
22.	Tamil Nadu	1540
23.	Tripura	2
24.	Uttar Pradesh	1865
25.	West Bengal	37
26.	Andaman & Nicobar	—
27.	Chandigarh	35
28.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	2
29.	Daman & Diu	—
30.	Delhi	54
31.	Lakshadweep	—
32.	Pondicherry	15
	<b>Total</b>	<b>13602</b>

## AIDS Control

\*514 DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA:  
DR. PRABIN CHANDRA SARMA:

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

(a) whether the doubling time of AIDS cases in India is now less than a year, as compared with five years in Africa and seven in the western countries;

(b) if so, the steps taken to check this trend;

(c) whether the technical advisory committee of the National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO) has been abolished; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the alternative arrangements made to ensure effective monitoring of AIDS control measures?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) The number of AIDS cases reported in India, Africa and America is indicated below:

Year	India	Africa	America
1993	269	103505	22347
1994	458	65441	24594
1995	1092	64605	21259

(b) The Government has taken various steps for prevention and control of AIDS.

— State AIDS Cells have been set up in every State/Union Territory for strengthening Programme Management capabilities. 62 surveillance centres and 9 referral centres have been set up in the country.

— A major training programme has been launched aimed at training medical officers, para-medical staff involved in blood transfusion services, sexually transmitted diseases and care of AIDS patients. 11,700 doctors have received training.

— Training modules have been prepared and supplied to various training centres all over the country.

— A major programme for Information, Education & Communication is under implementation using all media agencies.

— To ensure safe blood transfusion services in the country, national and state blood transfusion councils have been set up to regulate supply of safe blood and blood products.

— The programme for control, sexually transmitted diseases, have been strengthened by providing drugs, equipments and consumables.

(c) and (d) It was decided to merge the National AIDS Control Board and the Technical Advisory Committee under a common management committee.

#### Visit of Prime Minister of Mauritius

\*515. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL:  
SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA:

With the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister of Mauritius visited India recently;

(b) if so, the various issues that were discussed and the outcome thereof;

(c) whether any agreements were reached between the two countries during the visit;

(d) if so, the salient features thereof;

(e) whether the visiting Prime Minister had offered to permit Indian businessmen to have trade links with Mauritius businessmen, and also have joint ventures with that country; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The discussions, which included a comprehensive review of bilateral relations between India and Mauritius, and issues of regional and international interest, were characterised by close understanding and an identity of views. The Prime Minister of Mauritius expressed his understanding of India's concerns on the proposed comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. He also reiterated his Government's support for India becoming a permanent member of a restructured UN Security Council. No formal agreements were signed during the visit. Keeping in view the privileged relationship between the two countries, Government has agreed to the request of the Government of Mauritius for an additional flight of Air Mauritius between Mauritius and Delhi on the same terms and conditions as the current flights operating between Mauritius and Bombay.

(e) and (f) Yes, Sir. The Prime Minister of Mauritius called for increased Indian investment and cooperation in the technological upgradation of the sugar and textiles industries of Mauritius and the development of the tourism sector. He also invited Indian industrial enterprises to participate on a Build-Operate-Transfer basis in infrastructure development projects in Mauritius.

#### Influx of Refugees from Sri Lanka

\*516 SHRI B.L. SHARMA PREM : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the heavy thrust, by the Lankan forces against the Tamil Militants, have resulted

in large scale influx of refugees from Sri Lanka to India during the recent months;

(b) if so, the estimated number of the migrants since Jan. 1, 1996 and till date:

(c) whether diplomatic pressures are being exerted on the Government of Sri Lanka for controlling the situation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and its outcome and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) The Government have received reports of some persons affected by the situation in Sri Lanka having come to India during the last month. According to reports received, the groups of people who came to India in August 1996 are mainly from Pesalai and Mannar areas who were affected by food shortages, and other causes including fear of possible clashes between LTTE and security forces in these areas. The recent thrust by Sri Lankan security forces has been in the Kilinochchi region which is quite distant from Mannar/Pesalai.

(b) As per information received from the State Government of Tamilnadu, since 1.1.96 a total of 988 Sri Lankan refugees have come so far to India.

(c) and (d) Government have conveyed their concern at this development to the Sri Lankan authorities, who have assured that measures have been taken to control the situation. These include steps to ensure adequate food supplies and relief activities and presence of international relief agencies in the area.

#### Relations with Neighbouring Countries

\*517. SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the present Government had promised to strengthen the relations with all the neighbouring countries;

(b) if so, the steps that have been taken in this regard;

(c) whether the Prime Ministers of these countries had shown keen interest in improving the relations with India;

(d) if so, whether the Government had started fresh talks with all the countries; and

(e) if so, the details and the outcome thereof, country-wise?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) to (e) The present Government have given top priority to strengthening relations with all the