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

- (a) the number of people who suffered from Human Immuno deficiency virus during the year 2000-01 and 2001-02;
- (b) the details thereof State-wise;
- (c) the steps taken to check the spreading of this disease; and
- (d) the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a)to(d): As per the analysis of HIV Sentinel Surveillance data 2000 and 2001, it is estimated that there are 3.86 million and 3.97 million HIV infections in the country respectively. As the estimation exercise is done for national estimates, the State-Wise figures are not available.

In order to prevent and control HIV/AIDS, a comprehensive Programme is currently under implementation throughout the country as centrally sponsored scheme. The main components consist of :-

- Reducing the spread of HIV in groups at high risk by identification of target populations and providing peer counseling, condom promotion, and treatment of sexually transmitted infections.
- Preventive intervention for the general population by Information, Education and Communication (IEC) and awareness campaign, provision of voluntary testing and counseling, safe blood transfusion services and prevention of occupational exposure.
- Providing financial assistance for opportunistic infections, home and community based care.
- Strengthening effectiveness and technical, managerial, financial sustainability at National, State and Municipal levels.
- Promoting collaboration amongst public, private and voluntary sectors.