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STUDY ON WOMEN S REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has conducted any study focussing on womens reproductive health recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the outcome of the findings ;
- (c) whether a good percentage of women in the country are suffering from Reproductive Tract Infection(RTI) ;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to improve the situation ; and
- (e) the names of the NGOs working in Maharashtra towards it and other welfare activities of women including the destitute women in the state?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (d): Yes Sir.

Under the Reproductive and Child Health Programme, a district level household survey covering 50% of the districts of the country has been undertaken during 2002-03. The survey included a number of indicators including indicators on reproductive health of women. The survey has shown that 11.6% women complained of some symptom of Reproductive Tract Infections (RTI)/Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI), in case of 6.4% women the husbands also had symptoms of RTI/STI. 57.1% women were found to be aware of HIV/AIDS infections and 39% were aware of RTI/STI. The survey in the remaining 50% of the districts of the country is currently going on.

Prevention and treatment of RTI/STI is an integral component of the on-going Reproductive and Child Health programme. States are being assisted with provision of RTI/STI drug kits for use at the first referral units @ 3 kits in A category, 2 in B category and 1 in C category districts. Funds are also being provided for engaging laboratory technicians @ 2 per district. Training in treatment and prevention of RTI/STIs is an integral part of the skills based training under RCH Programme.

(e) Four Mother NGOs namely Society for Service to Voluntary Agencies (SOSVA), Pune; Godvari Foundation, Jalgaon; Paravara Medical Trust, Ahmednagar; Sevadham Trust, Pune are engaged in carrying out awareness generation activities on RCH Programme interventions including reproductive health of women.