THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING IN-DUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Government is committed to the policy of protecting the handloom weavers and to exclusively reserve items for production on handlooms. That is why, the Government is soon going to move a Bill to amend the constitution to include the Handlooms (Reservation of Articles for Production) Act, 1985 in th Ninth Schedule of the Constitution. At the same time, it is proposed to further strengthen the Central and State enforcement machineries created for implementing the policy of Reservation.

(English)

AIDS Virus in Manipur

391. SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government have received or the congrading growing drug addiction by the State of Manipur and the spreading of AIDS virus in the state by the drug addicts;

(b) if so, whether Union Government have made any critical study of the situation in the State of Manipur; and

(c) if so, the outcome thereof and the steps taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) to (c). Yes. A team from the Headquarters was sent to the State of Manipur to assess the situation regarding HIV infection AIDS. It was observed that the probable source of infection was mainly from the intravenous drug abusers. The details of the sero positive cases in Manipur are as follows:

Category	Male	Female	Total
I.V. Drug abusers	415	15	430
Blood Donors	16		16
Patiants with S.T.D.	2	_	
Total	433	15	446

The Government of India during the current financial year under the National AIDS Control Programme has released a sum of Rs. 10 lacs for establishment of AIDS unit at the J.N. Hospital, Imphal and another Rs. 10 lacs for development of health education material on AIDS for the target groups like youths and college going students and blood donors.

[Translation]

Central Allocation for Flood Control and Irrigation Projects of Bihar

392. SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV: Will the Minister of WATER RE-SOURCES be pleased to state: (a) the funds allocated by Union Government for irrigation and flood control projects in Bihar during the last two years;

(b) the amount spent so far on the project out of the allocations made, year-wise;

(c) whether the tun amount sanctioned for this purpose has not been utilised; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) to (d). No direct Central assistance was given to any of the projects. Out of the State's approved Plan outlays of Rs. 806 crores for major, medium and minor irrigation projects and Rs. 77 crores for flood control projects, as per the programme followed by the State Government, amounts of Rs. 720 crores and Rs. 92 crores respectively have been spent by the State during the last two years of 1988-89 and 1989-90.

Strike in Public Undertakings

393. SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the names of Central Public Undertakings in which strikes took place during the last two years;

(b) the extent of loss of production as a result thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to make up this loss?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) to (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Production and Price of Sugar

394. SHRI R.N. RAKESH: SHRI MANJAI LAL: SHRI YAMUNA PRASAD SHASTRI: SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the prospects of sugar production this year vis-a-vis demand in the country;

(b) the estimates of annual demand and supply of sugar in the country;

(c) whether inspite of adequate production of sugar its prices in various parts of the country are not stable; and

(d) if so, the reasons thereof and the details of steps taken so far to check rise in sugar price?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL): (a) and (b). The sugar prodution and requirement during the current season is likely to be about 109 lakh tonnes and about 103-104 lakh tonnes respectively.

(c) and (d). As a result of various measure taken by the Government, the prices of sugar inn various parts of the country have remained fairly stable during the past few months.

[English]

AIDS in Bombay

396. SHRI R.N. RAKESH: SHRI UDAYSINGRAO: SHRI NANASAHEB GAIKWAD: SHRI BANWARI LAL PURO-HIT: SHRI KAILASH MEGHWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state: