

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme	Achievements
6.	National AIDS Control Programme	No specific targets were set for the National AIDS Control Programme during 8th Plan period. The programme envisaged modernization of 90 blood banks, 372 STD clinics, 30 Blood component separation facilities. Against this 81S blood banks 514 STD clinics & 40 blood component separation facilities are being provided.
7.	Rural Health Infrastructure	(Nos.)
	Sub-Centres	795
	Primary Health Centres	889
	Community Health centres	212

Newspaper Report on Smuggled Gold Consignments

1227. PROF. RAM KAPSE : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether government's attention has been drawn to the news-items captioned "Government aware of smuggled gold consignments" which appeared in the Times of India (Bombay edition) dated 14th June, 1996;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) Government are aware of the news report referred to in the question. It was stated in the news report that huge quantities of gold have been smuggled into the country through baggage brought from Gulf countries. However, on

verification, the contents of the news report have been found to be speculative in nature and not true.

Selection of Assistant Advisor and Deputy Advisor in ISM and Homoeopathy

1228. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria adopted by Government for the appointment and selection of Assistant Advisors and Deputy Advisors in the department of Indian System of Medicine (ISM) and Homoeopathy in his Ministry;

(b) whether pick and choose formula has been adopted by Government in appointing and selecting the Assistant Advisors and Deputy Advisors by ignoring seniority etc., and