

(e) State AIDS Control Societies (SACS) monitor performance, use of funds and achievement of targets. The NGOs are required to submit monthly, half yearly and annual reports of physical and financial targets. In 200 districts, District AIDS Control Units are also being established in order to closely supervise the implementation of all activities and programmes.

### **Deafness among the children**

494. **SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:**  
**SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:**

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

(a) whether his Ministry has decided to address the menace of deafness in the country where 25,000 children are born deaf every year and has launched its first national programme for prevention and control of the ailment;

(b) whether his Ministry plans to train one ENT surgeon or just two doctors in a public and private hospital of each district under the programme;

(c) whether the ENT department would also be started in every district hospital coming under the pilot phase; and

(d) if so, the names of the States and district that would be covered under this scheme during 2007?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI):** (a) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has launched the Pilot Phase of National Programme for Prevention and Control of deafness in 25 Districts of 10 States/1 UT with the objective to prevent deafness among children. The stress would be on preventive strategies for major causes of deafness and early identification of hearing impairment cases so that appropriate action is initiated for their management.

(b) Under the programme, there is provision for sensitization training of ENT Surgeons and Audiologists at the identified State Medical College and skill based training of ENT surgeons and audiologists in the identified District hospitals.

(c) All the district hospitals under the pilot phase have already existing ENT departments.

(d) Names of States and districts included in pilot phase of the programme are at Statement.

**Statement**

*State-wise names of districts included in pilot phase*

Sl. No.	State/U.T.	Districts
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Mehboob Nagar Nalgonda Hyderabad
2.	Assam	Kamrup Sonitpur Nalberī
3.	Gujarat	Jamnagar Rajkot Bhavnagar
4.	Karnataka	Mandya Hubli Hassan
5.	Manipur	Imphal
6.	Sikkim	Gangtok
7.	Tamil Nadu	Vellupuram Vellore Kanchipuram
8.	Uttarakhand	Haridwar Dehradun Narendemagar
9.	Uttar Pradesh	Barabanki Gorakhpur
10.	Delhi	North West West
11.	Chandigarh	Chandigarh