

- i. Winder Up-gradation at Nagaon Paper Mill & Cachar Paper Mill.
- ii. Two Street Soap Stone Powder Feeding at Nagaon Paper Mill & Cachar Paper Mill.
- iii. Quality Control Systems for L & T Machine at Nagaon Paper Mill & Cachar Paper Mill.
- iv. Multifuel Atmospheric Fluidized Bed Combustion Boiler at Nagaon Paper Mill.
- v. Cut Size Sheeter at Cachar Paper Mill.

However, implementation of large and integrated schemes such as Conversion of Mercury Cell to Membrane Cell, Chlorine Di-oxide Plant, Elemental Chlorine Free Bleaching, Electro Static Precipitator for Coal-fired Boiler, Modernization of Paper Machine & Capacity Upgrade at Nagaon Paper Mill and New Turbo-Generator for Nagaon Paper Mill could not be completed within targeted date.

(e) Major reasons for not adhering to targeted dates are as under:

- i. The project being Brown Field in nature involved integration with the existing system and balance of plants leading to delays and re-tendering in some cases.
- ii. Fibre shortage also forced the company to slow down plans.

HIV Vaccine Development Programme

*392.SHRI T.M. SELVAGANAPATHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had launched a Rs. 50.00 crore HIV vaccine development programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that in India every day around 7100 people are getting infected with HIV; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As per the information received from the Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science & Technology, the department has initiated a collaborative program to accelerate the HIV

Vaccine discovery research between Translational Health Science and Technology Institute, Gurgaon, (an autonomous institution of the Department) and International AIDS Vaccine Initiative (IAVI). The emphasis of this programme is to identify candidate immunogens that elicit broadly neutralizing antibody responses against HIV-1 by establishing an innovative discovery program employing high throughput technology. The program is targeted to expand the number of vaccine candidates for testing and enhance the speed with which they can be assayed. The programme shall engage scientists, build scientific capacity in India towards enhancement of global R&D efforts for HIV vaccine development, strengthen efforts to share and commercialize scientific knowledge and foster inclusive innovation process. The unique industrial-type high-throughput vaccine design, screening and selection processes proposed for this Vaccine Laboratory will be largely facilitated by interdisciplinary interaction and will be driven by the principles of international collaboration, high-quality science and vaccine-oriented applied research.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. National AIDS Control Organisation conducts annual HIV Sentinel Surveillance at more than 1200 sites across the country among pregnant women and high risk groups to monitor the trends of HIV epidemic. Data from surveillance is used to generate projections on estimates of number of persons infected with HIV and annual new HIV infections. According to the recent estimates based on HIV Sentinel Surveillance 2008-09, it is estimated that India had approximately 1.2 lakh new HIV infections in 2009 and this number has declined by more than 50% during the last decade.

Deaths due to consumption of Tobacco products

†393. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons died due to Gutka, Bidi, Cigarette and other types of tobacco products during the last three years: year-wise;

(b) the details of amount spent on programmes being run for prohibition of different types of tobacco products by Government during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) the details of amount received as tax from sale of different types of tobacco products during the last three years; and

(d) the details regarding the steps taken for de-addiction from smoking?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.