124 Written Answers to		[RAJYA SABHA]	Unstarred Questions
1	2	3	4
3.	2005	108	42
4.	2006	0	0
5.	2007	0	0
6.	2008	0	0
7.	2009	0	0
8.	2010	74	21
9.	2011	150	55
10.	*2012	461	174

<sup>\*</sup>As on 30.11.2012.

## Publicity of health schemes in Urdu and regional languages

 $\dagger 1139.$  CHAUDHARY MUNABBAR SALEEM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to publicise the HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE schemes in Urdu and respective regional languages in minority-dominated areas; and

## (b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A.H. KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) and (b) The Government has been publicising Health and Family Welfare Schemes in Urdu and respective regional languages in minority dominated areas. NRHM Newsletter is published in 10 languages including Urdu, Assamese, Punjabi, Kannada, Tamil, Oriya, Marathi, Bengali, English and Hindi. Folders on National Programmes are being brought out in Urdu, Hindi, English and other regional languages.

Spots on RCH/Non-RCH issues are being telecast through satellite channels, broadcast through FM channels and screened through digital cinema theatres in regional languages at prime time for high visibility. Spots on RCH issues were

<sup>†</sup>Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

also telecast through satellite channels and through ETV Urdu for one month to update the information on facilities available to the minority dominated areas.

A half an hour dedicated health magazine programme, "Swasth Bharat/Arogya Bharatam" is telecast through 30 regional Doordarshan Kendras and broadcast through 29 regional radio stations across the country. These programmes are telecast/Broadcast for 05 days a week in regional languages covering all the issues relating to health care and national disease control programmes.

## New strains of HIV

1140. SHRI H.K. DUA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- whether Government is aware of the reports that a study by Bangalorebased scientists has brought out that strains of Human Immunodeficiency Virus Type-I (HIV-I) has been undergoing evolutionary changes in the country;
  - (b) if so, whether these strains are more infectious;
- (c) the steps Government is taking to pursure the study further or take other necessary actions; and
- (d) the impact these studies will have on Government's programme to fight HIV AIDS in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A.H. KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) and (b) Yes, however, the Indian Council of Medical Research has reported that there is no definite evidence available that HIV virus has been evolving in the country.

(c) and (d) There is no proposal with Department of Health Research for further research, on this issue.

## Shortage of funds and infrastructure under healthcare sector

- 1141. DR. T.N. SEEMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- whether various components such as health delivery system, primary healthcare facilities, family planning programme, immunization, ante-natal care etc. under NRHM have not achieved the desired results in the country especially in the remote and inaccessible areas of Jharkhand and Odisha;