

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:

(a) whether Government is aware of the reports that a study by Bangalore-based 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 pursue 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:

(a) 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;