exclusive breastfeeding for first six months and appropriate infant and young child feeding practices are being promoted in convergence with Ministry of Woman and Child Development.

(6) Village Health and Nutrition Days (VHNDs) are also being organized for imparting nutritional counselling to mothers, improving child care practices and provision of immunization services.

## Medical insurance policy for HIV positive patients

229. DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE: SHRI N.K. SINGH:

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

- (a) the number of people infected by the AIDS virus, State-wise;
- (b) the percentage of AIDS infected people who are in the productive age group of 15-49;
  - (c) the percentage of AIDS infected people from rural parts of the country;
- (d) whether Government intends to introduce a medical insurance policy for people living with HIV; and
  - (e) if so, the details of thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A.H. KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) HIV Estimations 2012 based on HIV Sentinel Surveillance data up to 2010-11 highlighted that the estimated number of people living with HIV/AIDS (PLHIV) in India was 20.89 lakh in 2011; State-wise break-up is given in the Statement (*See* below).

- (b) As per HIV Estimations 2012, 86.34% of PLHIV were in the age group of 15-49 years in 2011 in India.
- (c) HIV prevalence among pregnant women is considered proxy for HIV infections in general population. As per HIV Sentinel Surveilance 2010-11, pregnant women in rural areas have HIV prevalence of 0.37%, compared to 0.44% among

those in urban areas.

(d) and (e) Ministry of Labour and Employment is implementing Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY) since 2008. From 2009 onwards, HIV/AIDS has been removed from the exclusion and therefore, PLHIV can get treated for hospitalisation within RSBY. At present 3.56 crore families in 28 States and Union Territories are covered under RSBY.

Statement

Estimated State-wise Details of Number of People infected with HIV, 2011

State/UT	No. of people living with HIV/AIDS	
Andaman and Nicobar	195	
Andhra Pradesh	4,19,180	
Arunachal Pradesh	1,156	
Assam	12,804	
Bihar	1,23,875	
Chandigarh	1,814	
Chhattisgarh	40,942	
Daman and Diu	268	
Delhi	25,161	
Dadra and Nagar Haveli	289	
Goa	4,126	
Gujarat	1,27,092	
Himachal Pradesh	7,346	
Haryana	17,876	

State/UT	No. of people living with HIV/AIDS
Jharkhand	47,976
Jammu and Kashmir	5,812
Karnataka	2,09,368
Kerala	25,090
Meghalaya	2,381
Maharashtra	3,15,849
Manipur	25,369
Madhya Pradesh	40,451
Mizoram	5,346
Nagaland	9,716
Odisha	1,03,862
Puducherry	1,254
Punjab	31,961
Rajasthan	73,545
Sikkim	593
Tamil Nadu	1,32,590
Tripura	5,684
Uttarakhand	12,862
Uttar Pradesh	1,22,522
West Bengal	1,34,286
Total	20,88,641

Source: Technical Report India HIV Estimations 2012