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Community care centers	—	51 with NGOs
State Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS (PLHAs)	—	17
Anti Retro-viral Treatment (ART)	—	8 Centres
Licensed blood banks	—	1938
Blood component separation units	—	80
State of the art model blood banks	—	10
Substantial increase in voluntary blood donation		
HIV incidence from blood transmission dropped from 9% in 1999 to 2.99% in 2003.		

National Programme for Control of Blindness

* 41.82 lakh cataract operations were performed during 2003-04
against a target of 40 lakh.

Unsafe injection

133. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to the recent report of the NCLEN, an organization sponsored by the World Bank, 2/3rd of injections used in India are not safe;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that in February, 2004 clinical epidemiology unit of AIIMS presented a report to the Ministry about the unsafe injection practices in India;

(d) if so, the important suggestions/recommendations of the report submitted by CEU of AIIMS; and

(e) the action Government have taken or propose to take to curb this menace?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (e) The

India CLEN Programme Evaluation Network and Clinical Epidemiology Unit of All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Delhi are conducting a study on "Assessment of Injection Practices in India". Their final report is awaited. The Government, however, have already initiated following steps to ensure zero risk injection to the people:—

- (i) Standard Operative Procedures on Hospital Associated infections have been made available to all State AIDS Control Societies for further dissemination to various Government hospital and clinics.
- (ii) Inclusion of use of sterilized syringes and needles in all awareness campaigns of national AIDS Control Programme.
- (iii) Training of medical and paramedical worker on hospital infection control measures including safe injection practices.
- (iv) Supply of needle cutters to various Government hospitals through State AIDS Control Societies.
- (v) Under the immunization programme to ensure proper sterilization of syringes and needles, pressure cooker sterilizers, stoves, assistance to procure fuel, glass syringes and needles are being supplied to all Government health facilities of States and Union Territories.
- (vi) Training on safe injection practices is being imparted as a part of regular training of all health functionaries.
- (vii) Under the Pilot Project for introduction of Hepatitis B Vaccine, all vaccines are being administered using Auto Disable syringes in the slums of 15 cities and in 32 districts. Government is also actively considering introduction of Auto Disable Syringes for the Immunization Programme in a phased manner.

Female/Male Ratio

†134. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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