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Control Programme. The details of the time bound action plan drawn for the year 2004-05 is as under:

Installing 50 more Voluntary counselling and testing centers in addition to 690 VCTCs setup by 31st March, 2004.

Setup 10 model blood banks across in low prevalence states.

Establishing 45 more STD clinics in addition to existing 735 STD clinics.

Established 124 HIV sentinel sites over and above the 455 HIV sentinel sites in position by 31st March, 2004.

Implementing a Family Health a Family Health Awareness Campaign in all State/UTs.

Establishing 200 targeted intervention projects in addition to 882 projects at the start of the year.

Establishment of 200 more centres for prevention of parent to child transmission in addition to 212 such centres.

Establishment of 10 more community care centres in addition to existing 50 centres.

Implementation of ART free of cost in 25 government hospitals.

IVF facility in AIIMS

1854. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN:

SHRI AMAR SINGH:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that AIIMS does not have IVF facility and the patients have to approach the private hospitals/clinic where a single IVF attempt costs nearly Rs. 40,000/-

(b) whether it is also a fact that AIIMS has already procured the IVF machine costing Rs. 60 lakhs which has not been put on use; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for not starting that facility?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) The All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi has informed that no IVF facility is functional at present at the Institute. However, a proposal has been approved in principal to have an IVF facility in the current year and is likely to be functional in six months time.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Declining child sex ratio

1855. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the United Nations Population Fund expressed its serious concern on the declining child sex ratio in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the child sex ratio in the country from 1971 census, State-wise; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to bring equilibrium in the child sex ratio in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) Decline in the child sex ratio is a concern for all. The United Nations Population Fond (UNFPA) in association with the Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India and Ministry of Health and Family Welfare brought out a booklet Missing—Mapping the Adverse Child Sex Ratio in India. UNFPA jointly with national partners has sponsored numerous public awareness campaigns through the media. It also supported regional workshops for sensitizing the Appropriate Authorities on various legal issues for the effective implementation of the provisions of the Act and to remove doubts.

(c) The State/UT wise child sex ratio in the age group of 0—6 years is annexed as Statement. (*See* below)

(d) In order to contain the practice of female foeticide, which is one