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

- (a) whether according to a survey 73 percent of young people have misconceptions about HIV;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether according to the said survey married women may be more vulnerable to HIV than unmarried girls; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to create awareness about HIV among this segment of society?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (c) According to the National Behavioural surveillance Survey Conducted in 2001, 73% of youth population had misconceptions on certain incorrect modes of transmission such as mosquito bite and sharing meals. However, during 2006 the percentage has decreased to 49.4%. The report does not mention regarding the higher vulnerability of young brides as compared to the unmarried girls.

(d) The core strategy of National AIDS Control Programme continues to be prevention. IEC campaigns through mass media and inter personnel channels are being used with a special focus on youth for propagating abstinence and delay of sexual debut, being faithful to their partner and correct & consistent condom use. The focus is also on the life skill development among youth to protect themselves.