

brands through hoardings has been given. It may also be mentioned that the excise duty is charged in advance and retail sale of IMFL is allowed through outlets of some public sector undertakings, viz. DSIDC, DSCSC and DT&TDC and DCCWS. The matter relating to alleged favouritism in the allocation of dedicated tenders is subjudice.

[*Translation*]

#### W.B. LOAN FOR CANCER CONTROL

2604. SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank has sanctioned loan for curbing cancer in the country:

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the manner in which the loan is likely to be utilised?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

[*English*]

#### BID FOR EXPLORATION

2605. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH HOODA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to reply given to Starred Question No. 45\* on 25th February, 1993 and state:

(a) whether the bids for exploration work in Mahanadi basin have been received;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any contracts have been finalised and work awarded; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH KUMAR SHARMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

#### AIDS CONTROL

2606. SHRI ANAND RATNA MAURYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated a multi-pronged strategy to combat AIDS;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total cost involved under this scheme and the sources thereof;

(d) whether the Government propose to provide the facility of detection of AIDS cases in medical institutes and referral institutions; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The strategy consists of securing the cooperation of every state by strengthening their AIDS Programme Management, Generating awareness among the risk-behaviour groups and the people, preventing the incidence and spread of Sexually Transmitted Diseases, promoting the use of condom for prevention of STD/HIV, ensuring blood-safety and rational use of blood and creating conditions for better clinical diagnosis and management of AIDS cases.

(c) The total cost involved under the National AIDS Control Programme (1992-97) (PLAN) is Rs. 222.6 crore. Out of which Rs. 187.60 crore would be met through World Bank assistance (soft loan). WHO is contributing Rs. 3.8 crore in the form of International Consultant Services and Government of India is providing Rs. 31.10 crore.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Government has already established 62 Surveillance-Centres/reference centres in different Medical Colleges/Institutions for HIV testing. Besides, diagnostic capabilities of medical/para-medical personnel are being upgraded through orientation training.

#### SUPPLY OF PARAFFIN WAX

2607. SHRI CHANDRESH PATEL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are allotting paraffin wax to the units registered after June 30, 1986 in Gujarat;