

(c) if so, the rates payable to each country, [English]  
country—wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE  
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL  
GAS (CAPT SATISH KUMAR SHARMA) (a)  
There has been no import of gas from Oman  
during the last three years

(b) Memoranda of Understanding have been  
entered into between Government of India with  
the Sultanate of Oman and the Government of  
Iran, to explore the possibility of importing natu-  
ral gas by pipeline

(c) The project is at a conceptual stage, and  
terms & rates payable have not been firmed up

[Translation]

### Prevention of Blindness

88 SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA  
Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY  
WELFARE be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government of Rajasthan  
has submitted a proposal to the Union Govern-  
ment for seeking financial assistance of Rs 70  
crores from the world Bank for prevention and  
control of blindness,

(b) if so, the decision of the Government  
thereon, and

(c) the amount spent on various schemes  
to control blindness during 1992—93?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND  
FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B  
SHANKARANAND) (a) and (b) A project for the  
control of blindness in seven states including  
Rajasthan is under consideration of the World  
Bank for assistance

(c) A sum of Rs 1995 43 lakhs was  
expended under the National Programme for  
Control of Blindness during 1992—93

### Aids Detection

686 SHRIMATI BHAVNA CHIKHLIA  
DR RAMESH CHAND TOMAR  
SHRI BRISHIN PATEL  
PROF UMMAREDD  
VENKATESWARLU  
SHRI DILEEPBHAI SANGHAN  
SHRI AMAR ROY PADHAN  
SHRI MULLAPPL  
RAMACHANDRAN  
SHRI BALRAJ PASSI

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

(a) the number of AIDS cases detected in  
each State during the last six months

(b) the steps taken by the government to  
check the spread of AIDS

(c) whether the Government propose to  
have cooperation at an international level to  
check it

(d) if so the details thereof, and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND  
FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B  
SHANKARANAND) (a) A statement is an-  
nexed

(b) The strategies evolved to control the  
spread of HIV infection/AIDS consist of —

(a) Generation of awareness among  
the public especially the high  
risk behavior groups for safe sex

(b) Promotion of blood safety and  
rational use of blood,

(c) control of Sexually Transmitted

Diseases;

(d) Better Clinical Management of AIDS cases; and

(e) promotion of Condom use for Prevention of STD/HIV

(c) and (d) The National AIDS Control Programme has been launched with the financial assistance in the form of soft loan from World Bank and technical assistance/collaboration from World Health Organisation.

(e) Does not arise.

**STATEMENT***National Aids Control Organisation Aids Cases in India (Reported to NACO) during the last six months*

S No	States	Aids Cases
1	Andhra Pradesh	-
2	Assam	-
3	Delhi	3
4	Gujarat	-
5	Goa	-
6	Haryana	-
7	Himachal Pradesh	-
8	Jammu & Kashmir	1
9	Kerala	26
10	Madhya Pradesh	13
11	Maharashtra	22
12	Manipur	2
13	Pondicherry	-

S No	States	Aids Cases
14	Punjab/Chandigarh	-
15	Rajasthan	-
16	Tamil Nadu	2
17	Uttar Pradesh	-
18	West Bengal	1
	Total	70