

Gujarat have become vulnerable to smuggling activities.

(b) to (d) State Governments of Maharashtra and Gujarat have requested for Central financial assistance for meeting the expenditure on coastal patrolling activities, during the current financial year involving about Rs. 553 lakhs. The matter is under consideration.

[English]

Sale of Blood

2324. SHRI RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether all blood products are tested for malaria, hepatitis and H.I.V. before blood transfusion in hospitals;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to stop illegal sale of inferior quality blood by various agencies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND):

(a) and (b) Under the Drugs & Cosmetics Rules, 1945, as amended from time to time the Blood Products obtained from

human donor or Placentas are required to be tested for HIV antibodies. However, blood obtained from donor or placentae are required to be tested to exclude infections that may be caused during blood transfusion such as Malaria, Hepatitis-B virus, HIV antibodies etc.

(c) Regulatory mechanisms have been strengthened to ensure that the standards for whole human blood given in the Indian Pharmacopeia are strictly followed by those engaged in collection of blood and manufacture of blood products.

Oil Exploration

2325. SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA:
PROF. SUDARSAN RAY
CHOUDHARI

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted for oil exploration over parts of Ganga valley; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH KUMAR SHARMA): (a) and (b) Following surveys have been carried out by ONGC in Ganga Valley as on 1.10.1993:-

Aeromagnetic	:	1,30,700 Kms.
Geological	:	30,577.5 Sq. Kms of SDM equivalent 4170 Sq. Kms. special studies.
Gravity-Magnetic	:	73,542 stations
Seismic	:	13,902 LK 39,236 SLK

In addition, Oil India Limited has carried out 2240 GLKM of seismic sur-

veys in Western U.P. and has signed a MOU with GSI to carry out high resolution