

[English]

**Oil Spill Chemical Dispersants Used to Combat**

3499. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the particulars of the chemical dispersants used by the Coast Guards to combat the recent oil spill in Bombay High and Bay of Bengal sometime back; and

(b) whether most of the chemical dispersant used are highly toxic causing long term problems of toxicity to plants, animals and humans?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH KUMAR SHARMA) : (a) and (b) The chemical dispersants used by the Coast Guard Organisation to combat oil spills are non-toxic and meet international standards. The dispersants used by the Coast Guard have been analysed by the National Institute of Oceanography and cleared for usage at sea. The dispersant used is known as 'ATLAS OSD'.

[ Translation ]

**Aids Control**

3500. PROF. PREM DHUMAL : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to legislate a law and to make it compulsory to get each and every citizen blood examined for AIDS virus;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of beds reserved in the Government hospitals for the AIDS patients;

(d) whether the medicines and equipments for AIDS are not easily available in the country; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Beds are provided to AIDS patients wherever required.

(d) and (e) Equipments for testing HIV in all the testing centres are available in the country. So far no drug to either prevent or cure AIDS has been discovered. Medicines to treat opportunistic ailments arising out of AIDS are generally available.

**Cancellation of LPG Agencies in Gujarat**

3501. SHRI MAHESH KANODIA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of LPG agencies and petrol pump distributorships have been cancelled in Gujarat during 1992-93; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for such cancellations ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH KUMAR SHARMA) : (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The dealerships of one LPG agency and three Retail Outlets have been terminated in Gujarat during 1992-93 due to serious malpractices.

[ English ]

**Assistance For Construction of Walls**

3502. SHRI UDDHAB BARMAN : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Union Government have received any request for financial assistance from the Government of Assam for construction of walls at Guwahati along the river Brahmaputra to prevent erosion;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

[ Translation ]

**Irrigation Projects of Madhya Pradesh**

3503. SHRI SATYANARAYAN JATIYA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the details of major and medium on going projects in Madhya Pradesh alongwith their projected cost;

(b) the present status and the amount spent thereon so far; and

(c) the time by which these projects are likely to be completed and their irrigation capacity?