

[English]

Aids Test

77. SHRI V. KRISHNA RAO :
 SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA :
 SHRI PROBIN DEKA :
 SHRI K.G. SHIVAPPA :
 SHRI BOLIN KULI :
 SHRI C.P. MUDALAGIRIYAPPA :

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

(a) whether the Government propose to discard the present method of testing AIDS by Elisa (Western Technology) ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ;

(c) whether the Government propose to adopt serodia (Japanese Technology) which is cheaper one in this regard ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons there for ?

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

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Serodia is a brand name of a "simple" HIV test kit which does not require ELISA reader for interpretation of results. The kit only detects HIV-1 virus. This kit is not being used now as the Government of India has taken a decision to use only those HIV kits which detect both HIV-1 and HIV-2.

[Translation]

Kerosene Supply to States

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

(a) the total requirement of Kerosene in the country during 1993-94, State-wise ;

(b) the quantity of Kerosene allotted and actually supplied so far to each State ; and

(c) the reasons for short supply of Kerosene to Bihar ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH KUMAR SHARMA) : (a) to (c) SKO is a deficit product. More than 40% of the quantity supplied is imported. Full demand of States can't be met on account of constraint of availability of SKO due to limited foreign exchange availability limitations of import capacity and heavy subsidy involved.

Full quantities are being supplied to the States/UTs against allotments. Full quantity of SKO allotted to Bihar is being released. The Statewise allocations of Kerosene for April, 1993 October, 1993 are given in the *Statement*.

STATEMENT

*Kerosene Supply to States
 SKO Allocation 1993-94*

(figs in MTS)

States/UTs	Allocation (April '93— Oct '93)
Haryana	88071
Himachal Pradesh	21881
Jammu & Kashmir	34763
Punjab	185687
Rajasthan	151911
Uttar Pradesh	543735
Chandigarh	12208
Delhi	129896
Assam	144616
Bihar	287847
Manipur	12112
Meghalaya	8563
Nagaland	5899
Orissa	95972
Sikkim	4341
Tripura	12323
West Bengal	434124
Arunachal Pradesh	5451
Mizoram	3549
Andaman & Nicobar	1517
Gujarat	434752
Maharashtra	838193
Goa	15827
Duman & Div.	1685
Dadra & N.H.	1813
Madhya Pradesh	220833
Andhra Pradesh	344028
Karnataka	260131
Kerala	155342
Tamilnadu	384158
Pondicherry	8545
Lakshadweep	527
Total	4850300