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Comand Petroleum (I) Pty. Ltd. Ravva Oil (Singapore) Pte. Ltd. Videocon Petroleum Ltd.	Ravva	90% of Arab light plus US\$ 0.60 per Bbl upto Sept. '95 and Arab light plus US\$ 0.60 per Bbl w.e.f. October '95 (Provisional)*	1044067 (Bbl)

* The quantities are as furnished by oil companies.

** Provisional.

Chhatisgarhi Language

1425. SHRI CHANDRASHEKHAR SAHU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to give recognition to Chhatisgarhi dialect under Article 347 of the Constitution;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) No such proposal at present is under consideration of the Government.

(b) and (c) Question does not arise in view of (a) above.

[English]

Separate Department to Control Population

1426. SHRI K.P. MUNUSAMY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to set up a separate Department in the Union Ministry to control population in the country;

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be set up; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to control population?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI): (a) No, Sir. There is already a separate Department in the Ministry which is implementing the National Family Welfare Programme, with the objective of bringing down the rate of growth of Population and promoting Maternal and Child Health.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The steps taken by the Government include:

(i) Information, Education and Communication (IEC) Programmes to create awareness about the importance of small family; and

(ii) Provision of contraceptive services like sterilisation for male and female, IUD insertion, provision of oral contraceptives and condoms through sub-centres, Primary Health Centres, Community Centres and hospitals; etc.

Vaccine for AIDS Cases

1427. SHRI SHANKAR PRASAD JAISWAL:
SHRI A.C. JOS:

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

(a) whether at the Tenth International Congress of Immunology held in New Delhi in November, 1998, stressed the need to identify the Indian strains of Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) and to produce appropriate vaccine responses specific to the country's needs was stressed as the only way to fight the AIDS menace;

(b) if so, the progress made so far in that direction, both inside the country and abroad; and