

producing high quality drugs at half the normal cost; and

(b) if so, how much assistance is being given for this purpose?

The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar): (a) The Orissa State Red Cross Blood Bank has a Pharmaceutical Division located at Cuttack and not at Bhubaneswar. This unit manufactures Calcium Gluconate, Glucose, Glucose Saline, Normal Saline and water for injection. Manufacture of standard B.P. Tablets such as Sulpha, Vitamin, A.P.C. and Sodamint tablets was started about a month ago. From a comparative study of the sale prices of the products of this unit and the sale prices of similar products manufactured by a few other firms it is observed that the Pharmaceutical Division's prices are certainly cheaper although the prices are not quite half the normal cost.

(b) Red Cross has received requisite assistance from the State Government.

श्रीवर टाइम भत्ता

७३६ श्री प्रकाश वीर शास्त्री : क्या वित्त मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या दूसरे वेतन आयोग द्वारा संशोधित श्रीवरटाइम भत्ते सम्बन्धी नियमों को भारत सरकार के सभी मन्त्रालयों/विभागों में समान रूप से लागू कर दिया गया है ; और

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो अभी तक उन्हें लागू न करने के क्या कारण हैं ?

वित्त मन्त्री (श्री मोरारजी देसाई) :

(क) और (ख) श्रीवरटाइम भत्ते के नियम भारत सरकार के सभी मन्त्रालयों/विभागों में समान रूप से लागू होते हैं ।

Agricultural Development Finance Corporation

740. Shri Warrior: Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No.

1656 on the 25th August, 1962 and state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision in the matter of establishing an Agricultural Development Finance Corporation; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken in the matter?

The Minister of Finance (Shri Morarji Desai): (a) and (b). The matter is still under consideration.

Import of Printing Machinery

741. Shri A. S. Saigal: Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Rehabilitation be pleased to state:

(a) the total value of printing machinery imported for Government presses during the years 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960 and 1961 from general currency area; and

(b) the total value of printing machinery imported for Government presses during the years 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960 and 1961 from the rupee account area?

The Minister of Works, Housing and Rehabilitation (Shri Mehr Chand Khanna): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House in due course.

Sharavathi Hydel Project

742. Shri Bishanchander Seth: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Mysore Government have submitted a design relating to the Sharavathi Hydel Project to his Ministry;

(b) if so, the reactions of the Government thereupon;

(c) when the project is likely to be commissioned;

(d) whether State Government have asked for release of foreign exchange for buying heavy equipments; and