

loss of revenue of crores of rupees and the people of the country are getting this drug at higher prices. Mr. Speaker, Sir, my submission is that the big pharmaceutical companies are, thus, plundering the nation of crores of rupees and exploiting the people. A 10 tablet strip of Vikoryl cost Rs. 9 earlier and now same 'Vikoryl' strip is being sold at Rs. 12 to the people. Is the Government aware of this fraudulent change of nomenclature and does the Government intend to bring it under control ?

MR. SPEAKER : This is out of context, yet I will allow you.

Mr. Minister, if you have the information, you can reply to him.

[English]

SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO : Mr. Speaker, Sir, unfortunately, there are incidents of the type mentioned by the hon. Member in which the organized sector puts a small scale industry in its front to avoid price controls. While we support the small scale industry, the support cannot be at the cost of the interests of the consumers. Therefore, we will find ways and means in the review of the Drug Policy for correcting this type of malpractice.

Small Industry Development Organisation

*547. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken steps to improve the working of Common Facility Centres, modernisation of Small Scale Units, their quality, mar-

keting and testing and also formulated schemes for entrepreneurial development under SIDO in Chandigarh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the expenditure incurred thereon during each of the last three years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES) (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b). Small Industries Service Institute located at Ludhiana (Under SIDO) serves the entrepreneurs of the UT of Chandigarh. In addition, assistance of common facilities modernisation, quality marketing and testing and entrepreneurial development programme is extended to the entrepreneurs of Chandigarh through the Chandigarh Industrial and Tourism Development Corporation (CITCO) and Director of Industries.

(c) The expenditure of CITCO on account of common facility centre and quality marking centres during 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94 was Rs. 19.5 lacs, Rs. 21.5 lacs and Rs. 22.5 lacs respectively.

SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL : Sir, we rightly talk of the imperatives of modernisation, of the need to step up R & D and of increasing production and productivity. But in Chandigarh, there seems to be a bias against industry itself. Even applications for addition of small loads to improve the working of the small scale units is frowned upon. I would like to know from the hon. Minister, what guidelines or instructions, if any, have been issued to the Adminis-

tration that once industrial areas are set up in this city, which is an important city, they have to ensure that these applications are favourably processed ?

MR. SPEAKER : Well, I think it is too omnibus a question.

SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL : I mentioned only three things. One is, we want to emphasise upon production and productivity. Second is, even applications for small additional loads and applications for additional power supply, not for big units, but for small units, are not being encouraged.

MR. SPEAKER : If the Minister wants to reply, he can.

SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM : Sir, the industrial development is the primary responsibility of the State Government. If any specific problem pertaining to our Ministry is brought to our notice we will take it up with the Chandigarh Administration.

SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL : I am talking about a specific problem of small entrepreneurs, who with some research want to develop on their own. That would apply to other places also. If they want some improvement in the working of their factories that is not being encouraged. It means additional load but nothing is being done. Applications remain pending for ten years.

SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM : There are various facilities in Chandigarh. There are various institutions which are facilitating the development and production of small scale industries. There are industrial development centres, quality marking centres (electrical) and multi

purpose industrial community centres.

These are the institutions which are helping production of the small scale industries.

SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL : We are told that CITCO is in fact the agency which looks after the interests of the small entrepreneurs. CITCO is rather a sort of rival for the industry. They say they are in the commercial sector as such. My submission through you to the hon. Minister is that CITCO is not really the agency competent to undertake this work to develop the private sector there. Applications were made for plots. Money was got deposited, nothing has been done for ten years. What steps do you take to ensure that CITCO gives up that role and rather helps facilitate the industry there.

SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM : We do not have SIDO activities in Chandigarh. We are facilitating the State Government through CITCO.

Passenger Aircraft

*548. SHRIMATI CHANDRA PRABHA URS : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether China has expressed its willingness to collaborate with the National Aerospace Laboratory (NAL) for designing a 100-seater passenger aircraft;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether N.A.L. has agreed to accept the offer; and

(d) if so, the progress made to far