Ashes of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose

1306. SHRI MANJAY LAL. Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question No. 112 given on November 27, 1995 and state the steps being taken by the Government to bring back the ashes of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): No final views has been taken on this matter till now.

[English]

Price of Metronidazole

1307. SHRI K. PRADHANI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the price fixed for Metronidazole, by altering Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices recommendations, is exorbitant;
 - (b) if so, the recommendations and the price fixed;
- (c) the time by which the validity of the BICP recommended price expire and whether any fresh study was conducted, if so, when and the price recommended;
- (d) whether the producer was deliberately allowed to charge much more than the price which was due to him: and
 - (e) the steps taken to enquire into the whole matter?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV): (a) to (e) . The BICP

had conducted the cost-cum-technical study in November, 1990 in respect of bulk drugs Metronidazole and Metronidazole Benzoate and had recommended a price of Rs. 436/kg and Rs. 457/kg respectively, but the prices were, after examination, reduced and notified as Rs. 428/kg and Rs. 380/kg on 8.2.91. Later, the prices of these bulk drugs were revised upwards based on the escalation formula contained in the Report. The validity period of the cost-cum-technical study has expired on 31.3.93 The BICP has already initiated the process of study of this bulk drug which is in an advanced stage.

Preparation of National Food Processing Policy

1308. SHRI HARIN PATHAK: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the final draft on the National Food Processing Policy has since been prepared;
 - (b) if so, the broad details thereof;
- (c) whether discussions were held with the State Government before financing the draft policy; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO). (a) to (d). The Food Processing Industry is being developed within the broad para-meters of the Industrial Policy of the Government. A framework for developing the new Policy measures to address various issues for accelerated development of Food Processing Industries has been prepared which was discussed with the State Government representatives

Action has been initiated for pursuing it further.

[Translation]

Travel Facility to Myanmar Through Road

1309. SHRI ANAND RATNA MAURYA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Indians have to visit Myanmar by flight even after the possibility of cheap road travel facility; and
- (b) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to provide travel facility to Indians through road to Myanmar?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The facility of travel by road between India and Myanmar is being used currently to facilitate border trade only.

[English]

Hospital at Bhopal

1310. SHRI PARAS RAM BHARDWAJ : SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VARMA :

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state: