

MOHAN): (a) to (d) The price of Potassium Penicillin G-first Crystals has been fixed on the basis of cost-cum-technical study conducted by BICP of the cost structure of M/s. HAL. M/s. IDPL. M/s. Alembic and M/s. Standard Pharmaceuticals. Prices of all bulk drugs are fixed on the basis of similar cost-cum-technical studies which are of confidential nature and it is not in public interest to disclose these. As per BICP Report strain employed and the technology adopted differs from manufacturer to manufacturer thereby resulting in variation in raw materials and their quantities.

### Expansion of Rajasthan Desert

2108. SHRI SYED SHAHABUD-DIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Rajasthan desert has been expanding particularly towards Haryana and Delhi;

(b) the estimated area of the land which has turned into desert during the last decade;

(c) whether the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research has developed methods for controlling the movement of the desert;

(d) whether the Government have introduced any programme for desert control as distinct from desert development; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI G. VENKATSWAMY): (a) On the basis of the past 25 years' research work conducted by Central Arid Zone Research Institute, Jodhpur, it is found that there is no indication of expansion of Thar Desert towards Haryana and Delhi.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir. However, the Central Arid Zone Research Institute, Jodhpur under the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) is conducting studies in monitoring of desertification process through resource surveys.

(d) and (e) There is no other specific programme for controlling expansion of desert in Rajasthan. However, the following programmes under implementation in Rajasthan are likely to control the desertification process:

(1) *National Watershed Development Programme for rainfed Areas (NWDPR)*: This project was launched in Rajasthan in 1986 and during 7th Plan this was implemented in 104 watersheds covering 43,333 hectares in 16 districts at a cost of Rs. 5.10 crores. During 8th Plan, 188 watersheds at a rate of 1 in each block in 27 districts covering an area of 3.4 lakh hectares have been targeted for development at a cost of Rs. 135.98 crores. During 1990-92, Rs. 9.25 crores have been released for the development of identified watersheds.

(2) *Afforestation programmes under various schemes*: The total area covered under various central and state plan schemes including the World Bank aided social forestry project in Rajasthan during the Seventh Five Year Plan is 2.84 lakh hectares. Total expenditure under all these schemes is Rs. 125.79 crores. Total financial assistance provided to Rajasthan under various centrally sponsored afforestation schemes/programmes during 1990-91 and 1991-92 is Rs. 10.49 crores.

Doordarshan  
Telecast/Broadcast of Programmes on  
Abul Kalam Azad During His  
Centenary Year

2109. SHRI SYED SHAHABUD-DIN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of programmes on Abul Kalam Azad broadcast/telecast by AIR and Doordarshan respectively during his centenary year; and

(b) the duration of language of each programme broadcast/telecast, radio station-wise and TV centre-wise?