

put taxes) as percentage of value of agricultural production as worked out by Organisation of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) for 1990 and that in an article published in Economic and Political Weekly (EPW) September 26, 1992 are given below :

Country	Producer subsidy equivalent as percentage of value of Agricultural Production	
	OECD	EPW
Japan	68	72.5

	OECD	EPW
EC	48	37.0
USA	30	26.2
Canada	41	33.5
Australia	11	10.3
India	—	—2.3

(b) and (d) The subsidies on fertiliser, irrigation and electricity have exhibited a rising trend as is evident from the statement enclosed.

STATEMENT

Details of Subsidies to Agricultural Sector

(Rs. in crore)

Sl. No	Item	1992-93 (Actuals)	1993-94 (Actuals)	1994-95 (Actuals)	1995-96 (RE)	1996-97 (B.E.)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Subsidy to Agricultural Sector through inputs						
1.	Fertilizer (Total)	5796	4562	5772	6735	8372
	1.1 Indegenous Fertilizer	4800	3800	4075	4300	4500
	1.2 Imported Fertilizer	996	762	1166	1935	1648
	1.3 Sale of decontrolled fertilizer with concession to farmers	—	—	531	500	2224
2.	Electricity **	1927	2408	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
3.	Irrigations***	5235	5945	6828+	N.A.	N.A.

Note :

N.A. Not Available as these are provided in the State budgets.

** Electricity includes all subsidies to electricity boards and corporations. Separate estimates of electricity subsidy accountable exclusively to agricultural sector is not available.

*** The rates for supply of water to farmers are kept low as a matter of policy, resulting in losses to the Government irrigation system. The excess of operating costs over the gross revenue is treated as imputed irrigation subsidy.

+ Quick Estimates

@ Be proposed in the Central budget.

Price of Pentoxphylline

4118 DR. BALIRAM : Will the Minister OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) the date on which BICP recommend price of Pentoxphylline and Lynestrenol formulations to the Ministry and the prices recommended;

(b) the prices fixed by the Ministry; and

(c) the prices charged for the formulation packs by the leading companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA) : (a) The prices of the formulations based on the bulk drug Pentoxphylline were recommended in the 40th Meeting of the DPRC Sub-Committee held on 12.4.96 and prices were fixed for these formulations on 30.8.96 as under :

Sl. No.	Name of the formulation and Strength	pack size	Price fixed (Rs.)
1.	Pantoxphylline 400mg SR. Tabs.	10's Strip	24.14*
2.	Pentoxphyllin Inj/20 mg.	15 ml Amp	5.22*

* (SO No. 598 (E) dated 30-8-1996)

The prices of formulations based on the bulk drug Lynestrenol were recommended in the 28th Meeting of the DPRC Sub-Committee held on 23.11.1995 as non ceiling-price in respect of M/s. Infar (Formerly M/s. Organon India Ltd.). The prices recommended were as follow :

Sl. No.	Name of the Formulation	Pack size	Price recommended
1.	Lyndiol Tabs.	22's	7.40
2.	Lyndiol Tabs.	21's	7.04
3.	Orgalutin Tabs.	10's	7.12
4.	Orgametril Tab.	10's	13.20

(b) The recommendations were not approved as they were based on the available data in the absence of the notified price for the bulk drug. The BICP Report recommending the price of the bulk drug Lynestrenol has been received on 25.7.1996. Notifications of bulk drug price and consequently of formulations based thereon will follow.

(c) The market price of the formulations based on the bulk drugs Pentoxiphylline and Lynestrenol charged by the leading manufacturers are available in the enclosed statement.

STATEMENT

Penoxphylline

Sl No	Name of the Formulation/Strenght	Pack Size	Name of the Company	Price as per Drugs Today (Jan-March)
1	2	3	4	5
<i>Penoxphylline</i>				
1.	Erytal/400 mg Tabs.	10's	Recon	58.50
2.	Flexital/400 mg Tabs.	10's	Sun Pharma	58.86
3.	Flexital Inj./20 mg/ml	15ml	—do—	11.09
4.	Flopent/400 Inj./20 mg/ml	10's	knoll	59.84
5.	Flopent Inj./20 mg. Tabs.	5 × 15m/Amp.	—do—	72.00
6.	Knietal 400/400 mg	10's	Protec/Cipla	58.00
7.	Knietal Inj./20 mg per ml	15ml	—do—	14.39
8.	R.B. Flex /400 mg Tab. SR	10's	Tide	53.30
9.	RB Flex Inj/20mg/ml	15ml/Amp	—do—	11.70
10.	Trental/400 mg. Tabs	10's	Hoechst	59.84
11.	Trental Inj. /100+35mg. Sod. Chloride per 5ml.	15ml	—do—	14.40
<i>Lynestrenol</i>				
1.	Lyndiol Lirnenol Ethinlostradiol/0.5 mg Tabs.	22's	INFAR	13.50
2.	Orgametril Lynestrenol Inj./0.5 mg.	10's	—do—	26.30

[Translation]

Pilferage of Iron

4119. VAIDYA DAU DAYAL JOSHI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a large scale pilferage of iron from locomotive engine repair shed at Kota;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to check the pilferage to iron;

(c) whether tonnes of iron was seized from the shops of the junk dealers during the police raids, and

(d) if so, the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise. However, RPF staff is deployed for patrolling round the clock.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. It is a fact that on 12.6.96, a raid was conducted by RPF/Kota when iron scrap materials worth Rs. 85,000/- were recovered with the arrest of one junk dealer and two of his associates. A case in crime No. 26/96 dated 12.6.96 under the provisions of the RP(UP) Act has been registered by RPF/Kota against the accused.

[English]

Investment on Gauge Conversion

4120. SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the investment on gauge conversion has exceeded the Eighth Plan provision;

(b) if so, the amount of plan provision and the amount actually spent; and

(c) the plan heads from which the funds were diverted and the impact of such diversion on such essential operating requirements like track renewal repairs and maintenance of rolling stock, wagon procurement etc.?