

(ख) क्या उत्तरोत्तर हिन्दी के प्रयोग को सुविधाजनक बनाने के लिये सरकारी मुद्रणालयों का विस्तार किया गया है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्योरा क्या है; और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं?

निर्माण, आवास तथा पूर्ति मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री इकबाल सिंह) : (क) बढ़ती हुई मांग से वर्तमान हिन्दी मुद्रण क्षमता कम पड़ गयी है।

(ख) और (ग) : भारत सरकार मुद्रणालय फ़रीदाबाद में दूसरी पारी आरंभ होने की शीघ्र संभावना है, जिसमें हिन्दी मुद्रण के लिए सज्जत छः मोनो मशीनों का उपयोग होगा। विदेशी मुद्रा की उपलब्धता के आधार पर, पूर्व परिकल्पित मान से अधिक मान पर रिज रोड नयी दिल्ली के नये भारत सरकार मुद्रणालय में हिन्दी नयी मुद्रण मशीनें स्थापित की जायेंगी। भारत सरकार के अन्य मुद्रणालयों में भी इसी प्रकार के प्रयत्न किये जा रहे हैं।

(घ) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता।

EXPORT OF SYNTHETIC DRUGS AND SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS

3406. SHRI S. C. BESRA :
SHRI MARANDI :

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had sponsored four members' delegation for West Asia to prospect the market for synthetic drugs antibiotics and surgical instruments;

(b) if so, the success achieved by the delegation; and

(c) the number of countries visited by the delegation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND OF SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI RAGHURAMIAH) : (a) The Government had approved the pro-

posal of Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Ltd. to send a three members Trade Delegation to Middle East, and East African countries to explore the possibilities of export of surgical instruments and other products of the Company to those countries.

(b) The delegation found that there was a good market for surgical instruments, having regard to the quality and prices of the products of Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Ltd. compared to other competitors in the field. The delegation has quoted for three tenders and Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Ltd. have received the notice for three more tenders. They also obtained on the spot orders for small supplies.

(c) 10 countries.

PETROLEUM AND OIL PRODUCTS

3407. SHRI BENI SHANKER SHARMA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state :

(a) the number and names of places where searches and prospecting for petroleum are being carried on and the amount spent annually for the purpose;

(b) the chances of getting oil at those places; and

(c) the total annual consumption of petroleum and its products in India, the quantity being obtained locally, the quantity being imported and Centres from where imported ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND OF SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI RAGHURAMIAH) : (a) Geological and geophysical surveys in various parts of Gujarat, Jammu & Kashmir, Bihar, Assam, Tripura, Madras, Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Rajasthan and Gulf of Cambay and NEFA are being carried out.

Details regarding drilling activities in individual oil fields/structures are restricted information under the Defence of India Rules, 1962.

The expenditure incurred on prospecting for petroleum during 1966-67 was Rs. 25.79 crores.

(b) Oil has already been discovered in commercial quantities in Gujarat and