

Pharmaceuticals. Para 18 of Chapter II of this Report indicates that, although authenticated data are not available, the production of small-scale units is estimated to be about 20 per cent of the over-all turn-over of the drugs industry.

It is difficult to quantify the amount of foreign exchange saved annually through the efforts of the small Scale Section. However, some of the bulk drugs produced by them could be categorised as drugs of import substitution.

Theft of belongings of M.Ps. and VIPs

2079. SHRI K. M. 'MADHUKAR': Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he and other railway authorities have received complaints from M.Ps. and other VIPs about theft of their belongings while travelling in the first class compartments of trains from Bihar and U.P. to Delhi in the month of August 1976;

(b) whether coach attendants were not provided when the above incidents occurred;

(c) persons arrested in this connection so far; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to check such occurrences in future?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) Only one such case of theft of an attache-case belonging to Shri Chander Shekhar Singh, M. P. while travelling in a First Class compartment of the Dhanbad coach of 85 Up Assam Mail from Gaya to Delhi on 3/4-8-76 was reported at Fatehpur, Government Railway Police Station in Uttar Pradesh.

(b) No coach attendant was provided in Dhanbad coach in which theft took place.

(c) Two accused persons have been arrested during investigation.

(d) Special armed escorts and even plain clothes escorts are being deputed in effected Sections and security measure at Railway Stations by State Government Railway Police have been tightened up. Frequent supervision by higher officers of the Railway Police is being enforced.

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2080. श्री ज्ञानेश्वर प्रसाद यादव : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या उत्तर बिहार से बम्बई के लिये एक एक्सप्रेस रेलगाड़ी चलाने का प्रस्ताव है ; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो उक्त रेलगाड़ी किस तारीख से चलाने का प्रस्ताव है ?

रेल मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री बूटा सिंह): (क) उत्तर बिहार से बम्बई तक एक नई एक्सप्रेस गाड़ी चलाने का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Increase in Oil Refining Capacity

2081. SHRI YAMUNA PRASAD MANDAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state:

(a) whether refining capacity of oil in the country has considerably increased with the commissioning of

Haldia Refinery, and

(b) if so, the total refining capacity at present?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI ZIAUR RAHMAN ANSARI): (a) and (b) With the commissioning of the Haldia Refinery having a capacity of 2.5 MTPA, the refining capacity in the country has reached the level of 27 million tonnes per annum.

Foreign Contractors for Searching On-shore Oil

2082. SARDAR SWARAN SINGH SOKHI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state:

(a) whether foreign contractors are being awarded contracts for searching onshore oil;

(b) whether necessary equipment and technical hands are not available in the country;

(c) the number of contracts entered into with foreign contractors and the foreign exchange involved; and

(d) whether Government have invited tenders for these contracts from the Indian contractors?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI ZIAUR RAHMAN ANSARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

Performance of Erstwhile Burmah Shell Company

2083. SHRI H. N. MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an improvement in the performance of the erstwhile Burmah Shell Company after

it has been taken over by Government;

(b) whether there has been an increase in its production rate; and

(c) if so, the facts thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI ZIAUR RAHMAN ANSARI): (a) and (c). The Company was taken over by the Government of India on 24th January, 1976. The current allocation of crude to the Refinery is at the annual rate of 3.75 million tonnes as compared with the total of 3.53 million tonnes processed in 1975. The production of petroleum products is correspondingly higher this year.

However, the level of crude intake and the pattern of production at each refinery are determined by Government in the light of the country's demand and the regional requirements.

Unmanned Railway Level Crossings in Punjab

2084. SHRI RAGHUNANDAN LAL BHATIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of unmanned Railway level crossings in Punjab,

(b) the total number of accidents occurred at the unmanned railway crossings in Punjab during the last one year; and

(c) whether any steps are being contemplated to reduce the number of unmanned railway crossings in the State?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) There are 1,168 unmanned level crossings (including cattle crossings) in the State of Punjab.

(b) Five train accidents took place at these unmanned level crossings during 1975-76.