

System. Both parties have responded and their bids are currently under evaluation.

Ban on use of Tanderil and Butazolidin in India

5023. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact many harmful drugs such as Tanderil and Butazolidin, which have been banned abroad are still being marketed in India ; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to ban their sale in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The drugs Tanderil and Butazolidin are preparations of Oxyphenbutazone and Phenylbutazone respectively. The Indian Council of Medical Research and the Indian Medical Association are of the opinion that these are useful drugs. There is therefore, no case of total withdrawal of these drugs from the Market.

However, the use of these drugs is being recommended to be restricted for the treatment of ankylosing spondylitis and gouty arthritis only. Manufacturers of these drugs have been directed through their Association and the State Drugs Control Authorities to incorporate precautions and contraindications in the package inserts and in the promotional literature.

Automatic Signalling System on Shoranur-Mangalore Line

5024. DR. K. G. ADIYODI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Shoranur-Mangalore line on the Palghat Division is not provided with automatic signalling system ;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to instal this facility ; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be done ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is not proposed to instal this facility on Shoranur-Mangalore section since the present level of traffic does not require this.

(c) Does not arise.

Merger of all Pharmacopia into one

5025. Dr. K. G. ADIYODI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that different systems of medicines have independent Pharmacopia ;

(b) if so, will the Government consider to merge all these into one Pharmacopia as vogue in foreign countries ;

(c) if so, the details thereof ; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. This Ministry is not aware of any foreign countries where drugs belonging to different systems of medicine have been included in one Pharmacopoeia.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) It is not possible to have a single pharmacopoeia which would include drugs belonging to different systems of medicine as the systems of medicine vary widely and the drugs used in the different systems of medicine are different.

Ground Water Development

5026. SHRI KAMLA PRASAD SINGH Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether some of the States are not proceeding fast with ground water development such as Utter Pradesh where considerable ground water potential is available ;