

ed from the BNC Mills, Rajnandgaon by the Defence Department ;

(b) if so, the value of the purchases ; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to increase the price thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI P.V. NARASIMHA RAO) : (a) No direct purchase of mosquito nets has been made from BNC Mills, Rajnandgaon. Ordnance Factories, who fabricate mosquito nets against indents placed on them by services, procure the nettings required for such fabrication through Central purchase agency namely Directorate General of Supplies and Disposals.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of answer to part (a) of the question.

#### Price Control on Pesticides

4789. SHRI M. RAGHUMA REDDI : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that some of the multinational firms in Andhra Pradesh have been selling their products as under :

Captan 50 WP ; Rs. 60,000 to 96,000 Mt.

Carbendazim 50 WP : Rs. 2,10,000 to 3,40,000 Mt.

Zinab : 75 WP : Rs. 38,000 to 54,000 Mt.

Diazinon 20 EC : Rs. 59.60 to 96.00 Lt.

Heptachlore 20 EC : Rs. 49.90 to 72.00 Lt.

Monocrotophos : Rs. 105.00 to 164.00 Lt.

(b) the names of the multinational firms which are dealing with the above and are having proprietary rights and their trade name ;

(c) whether Union Government propose to impose a statutory price control on the

above plant protection chemicals as in the case of fertilizers to prevent the exploitation of the farming community by the trade ; and

(d) if not, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS : (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL) : (a) There is no statutory price control on pesticides and details of prices at which pesticides are sold are not monitored.

(b) Of the products mentioned, as per available information, only two i.e. Carbendazim Tech and Zineb Tech. are being manufactured by FERA companies, viz. M/s. BASF India Ltd. and M/s. Indofil Chemicals Ltd. and are being marketed under the brand names Bavistin and Zineb Z-78 respectively.

(c) and (d) The Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices has been asked to study the cost price structure of technical grade pesticides/pesticide formulations. The matter regarding imposing of any statutory price control of pesticides will be considered only after receipt of the report.

#### Production and Sale Price of Slag Cement Vis-a-vis Portland Cement

4790. SHRI NARAYAN CHOUBEY : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of factories producing slag cement in private sector and their names and sites ;

(b) the cost of production per tonne of slag cement and portland cement for the years 1966-67, 1976-77 and 1983-84 ;

(c) whether ex-factory price for both kinds of cement for sale are the same ; if not, what is the sale price of both kinds of cement for the corresponding years respectively ; and

(d) whether Government propose to produce slag cement in public sector with slag being taken from State-owned steel plants for supplying cement cheaper to the consumers ?