

**Reports of Working Group of NDPDC**

170. SHRI SARFARAZ AHMAD ;  
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SHRI ANIL BASU :

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the reports of the working group of National Drugs and Pharmaceutical Development Council do not contain any study but contain various view points ;

(b) whether the said reports contain study of the effect of existing policy on price line and profitability ;

(c) whether it is a fact that the report of NDPDC does not contain any recommendations ;

(d) whether the report is being processed by the Government ; and

(e) if so, the results thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL) : (a) and (b). The Working Groups constituted by the National Drugs and Pharmaceutical Development Council took into consideration various aspects relating to production, pricing, profitability etc.

(c) Recommendations with various alternatives wherever necessary are contained in the National Drugs and Pharmaceutical Development Council Report.

(d) and (e). Government would take a decision on the changes/modification needed in the Drug Policy keeping in view all the relevant factors and various view points.

**Ordnance Factory at Medak**

171. SHRI E. AYYAPU REDDY : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) the total investment made so far on the Ordnance Factory at Medak ; and

(b) the approximate year in which the Ordnance Factory at Medak is likely to go into production ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RA.O) , (a) and (b).

Based on the preliminary estimates, the approximate cost of setting up the Ordnance Factory, Medak will be of the order of Rs. 421 crores.

Various activities like civil works etc. are progressing satisfactorily and according to the production schedules drawn in consultation with the collaborators.

It will not be in public interest to disclose further details in this regard

**Units Manufacturing LPG Cylinders in Andhra Pradesh**

172. SHRI E. AYYAPU REDDY : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state :

(a) the number of units manufacturing LPG cylinders in Andhra Pradesh ;

(b) the total installed capacity of these units ;

(c) the demands of the O.N.G.C. in the year 1984-85 and the various units in Andhra Pradesh ; and

(d) whether the manufacture of the gas cylinders exceeds the demand and whether these units are facing closure on account of lack of demand for the manufacture of gas cylinders ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) Fourteen units.

(b) 37.00 lakhs LPG cylinders/per annum.

(c) The requirement of the marketing Oil Companies (not ONGC) for cylinders during 1984-85 was 50 lakhs cylinders and order placed on various units in Andhra Pradesh was 23.36 lakhs.

(d) The manufacturing capacity of LPG cylinders in the country exceeds the requirements of the Oil Industry. Those units which have obtained clearance from the Oil Industry Technical Committee are being given orders for cylinders by the Oil Industry.

**Pending Applications for New Telephone Connections in Hyderabad and Secunderabad (Andhra Pradesh)**

173. SHRI E. AYYAPU REDDY : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of applications for telephone connections which are pending (i) in the twin cities of Hyderabad and Secunderabad and (ii) in the District Headquarters of Andhra Pradesh as on 31 March, 1985 ; and

(b) the average rate at which the telephone connections are made available per month in the twin cities and also in the Districts ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) The number of applicants pending in twin cities of Hyderabad and Secunderabad and in the District Headquarters of Andhra Pradesh as on 31st March, 1985 is 31661 and 9885 respectively.

(b) The average rate of giving telephone connections per month during 1984-85 in the twin cities and in the Districts was about 360 and 60 lines respectively.

#### Exchange of fire Between Indian Army and Pakistan Army at Stachen Glacier

174. SHRI E. AYYAPU REDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been any exchange of fire between Indian army and Pakistan army in Siachen Glacier, if so the number of casualties on either side ;

(b) whether the Pakistan's Foreign Minister gave a statement to the press on about 8.6.1985 claiming Siachen Glacier for Pakistan ; and

(c) whether the said area is under the effective control and occupation of Indian army and if not, the steps taken to gain control over the said area ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI P.V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) There have been cases of exchange of fire between Pakistani and Indian troops in the Siachen Glacier area. Casualties have occurred on both sides. It would not be desirable to disclose details.

(b) Government have seen media reports on the Pakistan Foreign Minister's statement in the Pakistan National Assembly on 8th June, 1985, claiming Siachen Glacier area

to be part of the "Northern Area of Pakistan".

(c) The Siachen Glacier area is an integral part of India and we are in effective control of the same.

#### Petrol-Hydrogen Cars

175. DR. G. VIJAYA RAMA RAO : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the new petrol-hydrogen cars which have been under test in West Germany and other Western nations in order to meet the needs of the 21st century and to reduce pollution and if so, details thereof (Telegraph, 25 May, 1985);

(b) whether any such fuels are under test in India and if so, details of the advances made ;

(c) whether it is correct that India is not using alcohol in petrol cars despite the new designs developed in the country earlier ; and

(d) whether Government propose to review its R and D effort in this direction and have clear objectives and time bound projects in order to be ready for the 21st century as other countries are doing ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) Yes, Sir. Work on use of hydrogen in cars and other vehicles has been going on for the past several year's in Western countries. Hydrogen is considered by many as the future fuel.

(b) Laboratories studies on the subject have been undertaken at some universities and Indian Institute of Technology.

(c) Yes, Sir. Commercial use of alcohol in petrol cars is not being made nor special alcohol run engines are being produced in the country.

(d) Although the technology to blend power alcohol with petrol for use as automotive fuel has been established, commercial use of alcohol in India as automotive fuel has not been found feasible as surplus alcohol is not available for this purpose on a steady basis. Besides, use of alcohol as