

- (iv) Stricter regulation of supply of domestic coal to the consumers ;
- (v) Departmentalisation of internal transport of coal/coke from pit-heads to railway sidings.

(c) and (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Increase in prices of products of public sector industries

3208. SHRI LAKSHMAN MALLICK : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether in order to reduce the deficit in the public sector industries, the prices of their products have been increased from time to time and it has affected the prices of other items ;

(b) if so, the names of the public sector industries, performances of which are not satisfactory and are running into losses, alongwith the items, the prices of which have been increased during the last three years ;

(c) whether any measures have been taken to check this trend ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH) : (a) It is presumed that the Hon'ble Member is referring to increases in Administered Prices/Price increases requiring Government approval, in respect of core sector industries like steel, coal, etc. The price increases approved by the Government in these cases are mainly to compensate for increases in the cost of inputs and not for reducing the deficits in the public sector industries as such.

(b) to (d) In view of reply to (a) above, (b), (c) & (d) do not arise. However, the names of enterprises which suffered losses in 1983-84 are available at pages 55 and 56 of Vol. 1 of Public Enterprises Survey, 1983-84, placed on the Table of the House on the 15th March, 1985. Similarly, the price increases made in respect of basic inputs like steel, coal, etc. during the three years

ending 31st March, 1984 are available in the Chapter on "Pricing Policy in Public Enterprises" appearing in Vol. 1 of the Public Enterprises Surveys of 1983-84, 1982-83 and 1981-82.

Shortage of drug for kidney patients

3209. SHRI R.M. BHOYE : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the acute shortage of life-saving drug for kidney patients due to the stoppage of its production by manufacturers in the country ;

(b) if so, whether Government have considered the question of alternative production arrangements to manufacture the drug under collaboration in the country or to procure the drug from other sources through the State Trading Corporation or to allow the patients to import the drug by raising the ceiling of Rs. 2,000 prescribed for import by any individual ; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard ;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH) : (a) to (c) No, Sir.

Some reports of localised shortages of Azathioprine (Imuran) tablets, used by kidney patients were received by the Government. However, the authorised stockists of this drug reported sufficient stocks with them and on this Ministry's advice rushed stocks to the reported areas of shortages.

The current import policy provides for liberal imports of Imuran tablets under OGL. Individual patients can directly import the drug upto a prescribed value limit. The preparation is also exempted from custom duty.

Setting up of Electronic Telex Exchanges

3210. SHRI AMARSINH RATHAWA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have launched a massive programme for setting up

of electronic telex exchanges in the country; and

(b) the number of such exchanges likely to be set up at different places during the Seventh Five Year Plan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Approximately 180 electronic telex exchanges (including concentrators) are likely to be set up during the 7th Five Year Plan.

Cycle Corporation of India

3211. DR. SUDHIR ROY : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the selling agents of the Kalyani unit of the Cycle Corporation of India are not paying to the Corporation over fifty lakhs of rupees ;

(b) whether these defaulting selling agents are still getting bulk supply of cycles at a fantastic rate of rebate ;

(c) if so, the details thereof ;

(d) whether it is a fact that the purchases of equipments and materials are made from intermediaries and not directly from the manufacturers and that too of sub standard quality and at higher prices ; and

(e) if so, the reason therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO - CHEMICALS (SHRI R.K. JAICHANDRA SINGH) : (a) The Kalyani unit of the Cycle Corporation of India Limited manufacture only components required for the main manufacturing plant of the Corporation at Asansol. They have not engaged any selling agents.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (e) As per information furnished by the management they normally obtain their requirements tubes, strips wires and rods and other materials required for the manufacture of bicycle from manufacturers like STI, Tatas, Nagarujuna Steel. Chemicals and paints are also procured

from manufacturers. It has further been indicated that at times on account of non-availability of liquid funds, they have to resort to purchases from the intermediaries but such cases are stated to be rare.

Commission and consultancy paid by HAL and IDPL to their employees and others on sale to Hospitals and Institutions

3212. SHRI VISHNU MODI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the commission and consultancy paid by Hindustan Antibiotics Limited and Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Limited to their employees and others on sales to hospitals and other institutions during the last three years, year-wise ;

(b) the institutional and hospital sales of these two public undertakings during the last three years, year-wise ;

(c) the names of the products on which commission and consultancy was paid ; and

(d) the names of the individuals to whom commission or consultation charges were paid alongwith the amount during the last three years, year-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO - CHEMICALS (SHRI R.K. JAICHANDRA SINGH) : (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Construction of Trunk Automatic Exchange Building at Jallandar (Punjab) and Postal Division Building at Dehra Gopipur (H.P.)

3213. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the construction work of the buildings for the following projects has been taken in hand and is nearing completion :

- (1) Trunk Automatic Exchange at Jallandar in Punjab.
- (2) Head Post Office and Postal Division building at Dehra Gopipur in Himachal Pradesh ;