

Year	Amount (Rs. in crores)
1982-83	40.00
1983-84	53.20
1984-85	85.00
1985-86	65.10
(upto 30.11.85)	

(d) to (f) An Inter-Ministerial Committee has been set up to review and revise the Central Incentive Scheme for industrial dispersal and development of the backward areas. The Committee is expected to submit its report by 31.12.1985.

Ranking of India among Industrially advanced Nations

3423. SHRI VIRDHI CHANDER JAIN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the rank occupied five years ago and now by India among developed industrial nations of the world ; and

(b) the plans under way for further acceleration of industrial development and to improve the ranking of India among the industrially advanced nations ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH) : (a) The ranking of different manufacturing countries is beset with several problems. Firstly, the basis on which ranking is made is not on similar parameters. Secondly, the coverage of countries for such a comparison is neither exhaustive nor identical for the period of comparison. Thirdly, the weightage given to certain sector like mining oil production affects rational comparison.

(b) The Government has been taking several steps to stimulate industrial production through appropriate changes in industrial licensing and import policies as well as through monetary and fiscal measures and improvement in infrastructure.

[Translation]

Setting up of thermal plant based on lignite deposits in Rajasthan

3424. SHRI VIRDHI CHANDER JAIN : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) the estimated quantity of the lignite deposits found so far at Kapurdi and nearby areas in Barmer district in Rajasthan and the details thereof ;

(b) the estimated capacity of the thermal plants which can be set up from the said lignite deposits and the details of the project report in this regard ; and

(c) whether the Union Government propose to help in solving the power problem of the desert areas of Rajasthan by including the said thermal plant in the Seventh Five Year Plan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) to (c) The quantity of deposits found so far in the Kapurdhi area is estimated at 56.84 million tonnes, which could be firmed up after technical and economic issues in respect of the feasibility of mining and utilisation of lignite in this area are resolved ; the State Government/State Electricity Board could then go into the feasibility of locating a Thermal Power Plant on these reserves. According to the Rajasthan State Electricity Board, the proposal for setting up of a Thermal Power Station, based on lignite deposits at Barmer, is presently in an exploratory stage.

[English]

Import of Penicillin

3425. SHRI HARI KRISHNA SHASTRI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has allowed the import of Penicillin to certain actual users ;

(b) if so, the names of the companies and the quantity recommended in each case ;

(c) whether it is also a fact that uptill last year, the country's requirement was met by indigenous production ; and

(d) if so, the reasons for allowing import of penicillin ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS (SHRI R.K. JAICHANDRA SINGH) : (a) Imports of