

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b). In view of the fact that these companies are suffering continuous losses, certain proposals have been formulated for restructuring of EPI and the Cycle Corporation of India. Various aspects and implications of restructuring are being studied.

(c) Does not arise.

**Writing off of accumulated losses of IDPL**

1216. PROF. RAMKRISHNA MORE :  
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SINHA :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Ltd. has failed to cut down losses and has asked the Government to write off its accumulated losses amounting to Rs. 160 crores;

(b) if so, whether Government have agreed to write off the losses;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to give similar relief to other public sector units in the country which are running in losses;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps being taken by Government to overhaul the entire management of IDPL to make it financially viable ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH) : (a) and (b). The accumulated loss of IDPL upto 31st March, 1985 was Rs. 143.42 crores. The company has sought for capital re-structuring. IDPL has been advised to link up the capital restructuring with concrete plans for revival and rehabilitation of the company.

(c) and (d). Do not arise.

(e) In house-take force was constituted in December, 1985 by IDPL to identify the constraints and opportunities and to come out with concrete plans for rehabilitation and revival. In order to catalyse the functioning of the task force and to provide it the necessary analytical expertise, two consultants were associated by the company with the task force on part time basis.

**Oil reserves**

1217. SHRI C. P. THAKUR : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that our oil reserves are dwindling fast and may not last long; and

(b) if so, the measures Government are taking to conserve our oil reserves ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH) : (a) and (b). Decline in existing reserves is bound to occur with increased oil production. With intensified exploration efforts, however, more reserves are expected to be added in years to come.

**Production of newsprint**

1218. SHRI V. TULSIRAM : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state the total production of paper in the country for use in the newspaper industry during the last three years, State-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : The production of newsprint during the last three years State-wise is follows :

Name of the State	Production in tonnes		
	1983-84	1984-85	1985-86 upto Jan. 1986
Karnataka	53,906	71,420	60,196
Kerala	64,177	64,217	65,846
Madhya Pradesh	58,315	64,910	55,144
Tamil Nadu	—	—	42,663