

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) 8 nos. type I, 24 nos. type II and 8 Nos. type III quarters are under consideration.

(d) Rs. 33 lakhs.

#### STD Facilities in Andhra Pradesh

6545. SHRI T. BALA GOUD : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of cities and town provided with STD connections in Andhra Pradesh during the last two years;

(b) whether Government propose to give STD facility in more towns of Andhra Pradesh during the year 1986-87; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) 8 cities and towns in Andhra Pradesh have been provided with STD facilities during the years 1984-85 and 1985-86.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Seven more stations namely (i) Eluru, (ii) Tuni, (iii) Kovvur, (iv) Kavala, (v) Ravulapalem, (vi) Bobbili and (vii) Kottagudem are likely to be provided with STD facilities during 1986-87, the last three on point-to-point basis.

#### Production of Benzyl Procaine Penicillin

6547. SHRIMATI USHA VERMA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the production of Benzyl Procaine Penicillin has been stopped in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof;

(c) the names of the drug companies which were licensed to produce this drug; and

(d) the total production of this drug during the last two years, year-wise ?

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

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). This Ministry monitors the production of bulk Pencillin only. Details as asked for are furnished below :

Sl. No.	Name of the company	Production (MMU)	
		1983-84	1984-85
1.	I.D.P.L.	55.60	34.20
2.	H.A.L.	69.02	69.94
3.	Alembic	84.60	52.53
4.	Standard Pharmaceuticals	107.52	65.01

#### Production of Pyrazinamide from Intermediate Stage

6548. SHRI P.R.S. VENKATESAN : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Pyrazinamide, an anti-TB drug, is being produced in the country from intermediate stage;

(b) whether his Ministry has given maximum mark-up on the medicines based on this drug;

(c) the justification for higher mark-up and whether there is any proposal to give reasonable mark-up; and

(d) if so, the details, thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS (SHRI R.K. JAI-CHANDRA SINGH) : (a) Production of Pyrazinamide from intermediate stage as well as basic stage has been reported.

(b) Formulations based on Pyrazinamide are allowed a mark-up of upto 100% on the ex-factory cost,

(c) and (d). Mark-up on formulations is allowed in accordance with the provisions of Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979.

[*Translation*]

**Scheme to Encourage use of Bicycles**

6549. SHRI JAGDISH AWASTHI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the major improvements made in the bicycle technology during the past thirty years;

(b) whether Government have prepared any scheme to encourage the use of bicycles to save petro/diesel and to check pollution;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, whether Government propose to take any special steps in this direction ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) Besides the conventional roadster model, the Indian bicycle industry are currently manufacturing SLR bicycles, children's BMX model bicycles, exercisers etc.

(b) to (d). The number of cycles produced during the year 1984-85 were 61,877.00 whereas the number of motor cycles including mopeds and scooters produced during the same year were 8,96,000 *i.e.* about 1/7th of the total production of bicycles. The price of bicycles ranges between Rs. 450-700 whereas the price of mopeds scooters and motor cycles varies between Rs. 3,500 to more than Rs. 22000. Thus, the price of the cheapest cycle is about 1/8th of the price of cheapest moped. The cycle therefore continues to be the major means of transport for the common man in India. Hence no special steps to encourage the use of bicycles appear necessary.

[*English*]

**Electrification of Villages through Non-Conventional Sources of Energy**

6550. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state ;

(a) whether Government have asked the State Electricity Boards to consider the suggestion for electrification of villages through non-conventional sources of energy as part of their rural electrification programmes;

(b) if so, whether any time bound report has been asked for by the Union Government from the State Electricity Boards in this regards; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and steps contemplated by Government for the effective implementation of the suggestions made by the Union Government ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) to (c). States and other organisations have been informed that under the 20-Point Programme, village electrification could include electrification through non-conventional sources of energy. A programme of initial electrification through provision of solar photovoltaic street lighting units was taken up as a demonstration programme by the Department of Non-Conventional Energy Sources through the Rural Electrification Corporation, State Electricity Boards and some State Renewable Energy Agencies. The Rural Electrification Corporation have informed State Electricity Boards that they can take up electrification of remote villages by means of solar photovoltaic devices under this programme and set off the expenditure for part of the cost against loans given by REC for rural electrification. So far over 200 villages have been provided with street lights and in some cases with photovoltaic systems for the community uses. Electrification of villages in remote and backward areas using non-conventional energy sources has been included in the Seventh Plan document also. The Department of Non-Conventional Energy Sources and the Rural Electrification Corporation are developing a suitable programme. The extent of this programme will depend on financial resources that may be made available for this purpose. Meanwhile, the installation of solar photovoltaic street lights in additional villages is continuing.

**Public Sector Projects going into losses**

6551. DR. G.S. RAJHANS : Will