

Shortage of anti-T.B. preparations

8134. SHRI P.R.S. VENKATESAN : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of anti-TB preparations are not available in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that preparations based on Thiacetazone, Streptomycin, Isonicotinic Acid Hydrazide, Sodium Salt of para Amino Salicylic Acid, para Amino Salicylic Acid are used for the treatment of T.B.;

(c) whether there is a shortage of all these medicines in the country and the same are being sold at premium; and

(d) If so, the action taken in this regard ?

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

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) No general shortage of the medicines referred to have been reported. There are no reports of the sale of these medicines at prices higher than the prices fixed by the Government under the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979. M/s. Pfizer Limited are, however, selling PAS based formulations at the prices allowed to them by the Delhi High Court through its judgement dated the 17th December, 1984. A special Leave Petition has been filed by the Government in the Supreme Court of India against the judgement of Delhi High Court.

Missing postal bags from Air Sorting Office, Cochin

8135. SHRI T. BASHEER : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) Whether it is a fact that recently some postal mail bags were found missing from Air Sorting Office, Cochin;

(b) If so, the details thereof;

(c) Whether Government have conducted any enquiry regarding the missing of mail bags; and

(d) if so, the details of action taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) and (b) Nine registered packet bags containing registered articles have been reported lost after despatch from Air-Sorting Office, Cochin to different stations.

(c) Yes, Sir,

(d) The loss stands reported to the police for investigation.

Production of Metronidazole by IDPL

8136. SHRI HARI KRISHNA SHASTRI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Limited is licensed to produce Metronidazole;

(b) if so, the licensed and installed capacity of Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Limited for this drug and its production during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) the estimated requirement of this drug for 1986-87 ?

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

(b) The information is as under :

Licensed	Instal- led	(In tonnes) Produc- tion		
		1983-84	1984-85	1984-85
30	30	0.30	0.43	0.40

(c) 330 tonnes.