

PANY AFFAIRS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) Capacity utilization in tyre industry is around 77 per cent at present.

(b) Government are not aware of any such demand. Steel cord reinforced rubber conveyor beltings are not at present produced in the country and the entire demand is being met by imports. Government is taking a liberal approach to proposals for establishment of capacity for production of steel cord conveyor belting in view of the criticality of the product as well as heavy investment and technological sophistication in production.

Non Availability of Life Saving Drugs

1054. SHRI C. SAMBU : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether some important life saving drugs have vanished from the market, especially in Madras;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor, and

(c) the steps taken by Government in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL) : (a) to (c). Based on the periodical reports received in this Ministry some shortages, mostly of localised nature have been noticed. In most of the cases equivalent drugs of other manufacturers were available.

The reports in respect of Madras revealed the shortages of (1) Chlormycetin (2) Althrocine Drops (3) Diamox (4) Isoptin tablets (5) Syntocinon Inj. (6) Zyloric tabs. (7) Kenacort Injection (8) Pilocarpine Eye Drops (9) Neomoxazole (10) Atromid-S caps. In respect of the items listed at (1) to (6) above, the concerned manufacturers/stockists reported sufficient stocks with them. On the advice of this Ministry stocks of these drugs were rushed to the reported areas of shortages. In respect of the other items the shortages were attributed to technical problems in production, non-availability of bulk drugs in the international market and other constraints in the bulk drug production. The manufac-

turers were advised to take steps to improve the manufacture/distribution.

Export Earnings From Crude Oil and Petroleum Products

1055. SHRI ANANDA PATHAK : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state :

(a) the total export earnings from crude oil and petroleum products during the last three years; and

(b) the names of the countries whereas the above items were exported ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) The total export earnings from crude oil and petroleum products during the last three years given are below :

Year	Rs./Crores
1982-83	1197.16
1983-84	1588.06
1984-85	1818.19

(b) It is difficult to specify the countries to which these go as the transactions are with international oil traders.

Production Capacity of Tyre Industry

1056. SHRI E. AYYAPU REDDY : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that tyre industry in the country is already burdened with excess capacity for manufacture of tyres;

(b) the production of tyres in the country during the last two years and the demand for the same separately for different types of tyres;

(c) whether Government are considering to further increase the capacity of tyre units; and

(d) if so, the reasons for the same ?

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