

3. Advising the Department on the improvement of local and trunk services.
4. Giving publicity to the action being taken by the Department for improving and developing the telephone services.
5. Assisting the Department in handling the present shortages in telephone equipment and lines by invoking co-operation and patience from public.
6. Assisting the Department in deciding out-of-turn connections as provided under the rules on a fair and equitable basis by joint assessment of the comparative merits of various applicants in the waiting list under the 'OYT' and 'NON-OYT' special categories.

[English]

Criteria for Issuing Licences/Registration for Production of Bulk Drugs

1138. SHRI PRAKASH CHANDRA : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) the parameters of economy that are taken into account while issuing licences/registrations for production of bulk drugs from basic stages *vis— a—vis* international prices;

(b) whether foreign companies having equity not more than 40 per cent are producing bulk drugs at a higher price than that being produced by their parent companies abroad;

(c) the details of items price difference of such items produced by them in our country; and

(d) the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL) : (a) FERA companies are issued industrial approvals/letters of intent only if the manufacture is from the basic stage. In other cases factors like the availability of indigenous raw materials and relative cost of production from different stages are taken into account while specifying the stage from which the bulk drug is to be manufactured.

(b) to (d). By and large the cost of production of bulk drugs in the country in all sectors is higher than the c.i.f. prices because of a number of factors including the higher cost of inputs and utilities.

Manufacture of Tractors in Bihar, U. P. and Rajasthan

1139. SHRI PRAKASH CHANDRA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the companies which are manufacturing tractors in Bihar, U.P. and Rajasthan; and

(b) the number of tractors manufactured by each company during the years 1983-84 and 1984-85 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) and (b) : The following companies are manufacturing tractors in Bihar, U. P. and Rajasthan and their production is as follows :

S. No.	Unit manufacturing tractors	Location	Production in Nos.	
			83-84	84-85
1	2	3	4	5
1.	M/s. Bihar State Agro Industries Development Corporation.	Patna, (Bihar)	26	7