

**Payment by Cheque for Sale of National Savings Certificates**

4267. SARI SARFARAZ AHMAD : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there are instructions that the post offices selling National Savings Certificates and other securities should accept payments by cheque only beyond a certain amount;

(b) if so, how and under what circumstances the Post Offices have been issuing securities in individual names in amounts running into ten to fifty thousand from the G. P. O. Parliament Street and the Market Road Post offices, Krishna Nagar Head post office in particular and other post offices in general;

(c) whether Government propose to issue instructions to all post offices making it punishable for the dealing clerk, the supervision and the officer incharge to accept the amount in cash beyond the specified limit; and

(d) in case the instructions exist, the reasons why these have not been followed and the action contemplated against such erring staff ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). Does not arise in view of the reply to (a) above.

**Tungabhadra Pulp and Board Mills Ltd. Munirabad, Distt. Raichur (Karnataka)**

4268. SHRI SRIKANTA DATTA NARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the licensed capacity of Tungabhadra Pulp and Board Mills Ltd. set up at Munirabad in district Raichur, Karnataka;

(b) when the above company started commercial production; and

(c) the number of local people given employment in that Mills ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) 9,000 tonnes per annum of Pulp and 9,000 tonnes per annum of Straw Board.

(b) 1965.

(c) 205 out of a total of 227.

**STD Facilities in District Headquarters of West Bengal**

4269. SHRI SATYAGOPAL MISRA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) how many District Headquarters of West Bengal are not connected with STD in the National Network at present;

(b) the details thereof;

(c) whether his Ministry has taken any decision to connect all the District Headquarters of West Bengal with STD system during the Seventh Five Year Plan Period;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) and (b). Out of the 16 District Headquarters in West Bengal 5 District Headquarters mentioned below are not connected with STD in the national network at present.

1. Bankura
2. Barhampur (Murshidabad)
3. Balurghat (West Dinajpur)
4. Jalpaiguri
5. Purulia.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) It has been planned to automatise the local exchanges at Bankura, Barhampur

and Jalpaiguri and to provide reliable transmission media for linking Bankura, Balurghat and Purlia to the the Trunk Automatic Exchanges. It is planned to link Berhampur with Asansol TAX, Jalpaiguri and Balurghat with Silliguri TAX for STD facilities.

(e) Does not arise.

#### Prices of Bulk Drugs

4270. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the small scale units are selling Ampicillin Trihydrate, Amoxycyclin, Chloramphenicol, Sulphamethoxazole etc. below the prices fixed by Government; and

(b) if so, the reasons for fixing higher prices for these bulk drugs and the steps taken by Government to provide these drugs at realistic prices to consumers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH) : (a) Prices fixed by the Government under Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979 are the maximum sale prices and manufacturers are free to sell the bulk drug at prices not exceeding the prices fixed by the Government.

(b) The prices of bulk drugs are constantly under review and are revised from time to time.

#### Shortage of Comysin-S syrup and tablets

4271. DR. GOLAM YAZDANI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Comysin-S syrup and tablets are not available in the market; and

(b) the reasons for non-availability of these medicines and when the same will be available ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND

PETROCHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH) : (a) and (b). No report of shortage of Comycin-S. Syrup or Comycin tablets has been received by this Ministry. M/s. Glaxo Laboratories, the manufacturer of these drugs have reported adequate availability of Comycin-S Syrup. Regarding Comycin tablets, the manufacturer has reported that its production has been suspended temporarily on account of low demand. Other equivalents are readily available.

#### Production, Requirement and Import of Kerosene in Seventh Plan

4272. SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the annual requirement of kerosene oil in the country;

(b) the annual production of kerosene oil in the country;

(c) the quantity of kerosene oil imported during the last three years to meet the demand and the value thereof;

(d) the country from which kerosene oil is being imported; and

(e) the steps being taken to increase the production of kerosene oil in the country to meet the demand and to save foreign exchange during the Seventh Five Year Plan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) The requirement of kerosene oil during 1985-86 is estimated at 6.69 million tonnes.

(b) The indigenous production of kerosene oil during 1985-86 is estimated at 4.16 million tonnes.

(c) The quantity of kerosene oil imported during the last three years and the cost thereof are given below :