

- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
(c) the names of such drugs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FAJERO): (a) and (b) No, Sir. IDPL has reported that currently it imports only limited number of bulk drugs. All such drugs do not belong to life saving/essential category. These are procured on the basis of the existing purchase procedure of the company of lowest rates of technically acceptable offers, received against tender enquiries. In some cases the lowest rates quoted are from suppliers from countries other than the manufacturing countries.

(c) During the last year Griseofulvin, Pot-Penicillian G (1st Crystals)-Intermediate.

[English]

Bio-Technological Districts

3323. PROF. K. V. THOMAS: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of districts in India that have been declared as bio-technological districts; and

(b) the details of special features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b) So far none of the districts have been declared as biotechnology districts in the country.

[Translation]

Construction of Subway

3324. SHRI SURESHANAND SWAMI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to construct a subway between All India Institute of Medical Sciences and Safdarjung Hospital;

(b) if so, the time by which the construction work is likely to be started; and

(c) the expenditure likely to be incurred?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGNON): (a) to (c) There is a proposal for construction of subway on Aurobindo Marg connecting A.I.I.M.S. with Safdarjung Hospital. This proposal is linked with the proposal for construction of a flyover along Ring Road at Safdarjung intersection. This scheme has been submitted to Delhi Urban Arts Commission (DUAC) for approval. The construction work of flyover including subway can be taken up after clearance of the scheme by DUAC and financial approval of the project. The expenditure for the construction of subway can be assessed only after the scheme is cleared by DUAC.

'Saheli' Contraceptive Pills

3325. SHRI WATTATRAYA BANDARU

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the unique contraceptive pills 'Saheli' developed in India has been found useful in treatment of breast cancer;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the name of the organisation which has developed the said pills;

(d) whether some agreements have been signed with certain countries for production and sale of these pills; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) to (c) A non-steroidal oral contraceptive for the female, being marketed by Hindustan Latex Limited, Trivandrum with the brand name 'Saheli' has also shown potential for treatment of breast cancer during clinical trials. The drug—centchroman—has been developed