

fact, witnessed a marginal decline during the last two years:

| Year    | Wholesale price index of medicines | Wholesale price index of all commodities taken together |
|---------|------------------------------------|---|
| 1976-77 | 133.9                              | 176.6   |
| 1977-78 | 136.3                              | 185.8   |
| 1978-79 | 136.1                              | 185.8   |
| 1979-80 | 135.2                              | 217.1   |
|         | Base year 1970 71                  |   |

#### **Documentaries made by Satyajit Ray for Films Division**

1039. SHRI NAVIN RAVANI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of a report that renowned Director Satyajit Ray has said that his two out of a dozen documentaries made for Films Division were never shown to public and were untraceable;

(b) if so, what happened to these two documentaries named "Two" and on "Sikkim" made in 1971;

(c) if missing, who are responsible for this and whether the responsible persons will be punished; and

(d) what steps Government have taken to trace them and shown them to public?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI RAMDULARI SINHA): (a) to (d). The reports appearing in the newspapers indicate that Shri Satyajit Ray

made two documentary films (a) 'Two' and (b) 'Sikkim' for the International Oil Company, ESSO and the Government of Sikkim respectively and not for the Films Division. Films Division were never approached either by ESSO or by Government of Sikkim for releasing these documentaries on theatrical circuit. In view of this, the question of their release by the Films Division does not arise.

#### **Handing over Badarpur Thermal Power Station to DESU**

1040. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of ENERGY AND COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government has been urged to handover Badarpur Thermal Station to DESU; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction to it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) Yes, Sir. The Executive Councillor Delhi Administration in a letter during September 1979 had urged Central Government for transferring of Badarpur Thermal Power Station to the Municipal Corporation of Delhi.

(b) Badarpur Thermal Power Station is the first Thermal Power Station that has been set up in the Central Sector to supplement the power supply to Delhi on a priority basis and to other States in the Northern Region. The Station is under the ownership of the Central Government, which has the responsibility for making the best arrangements for its further expansion, operation and maintenance. In order to promote integrated power development in the various regions and to ensure optimum utilisation of resources, Central generating stations such as Badarpur have been found to be necessary. The National Thermal Power Corporation (N.T.P.C.) is a