

under the Technology Upgradation Scheme (TUS).

(c) and (d). Import of second-hand paper machinery is governed by the provisions of the extant Import Policy.

Supply of Kerosene to Orissa

3. SHRIGOVINDACHANDRAMUNDA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the people of Orissa, especially the people living in tribal and rural areas are facing acute shortage of kerosene oil for the last several years and kerosene oil is being sold there at exorbitant rates:

(b) if so, the reasons for not supplying kerosene oil to the State Government as per their requirement; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) to (c). The kerosene oil requirement of States and Union Territories, including Orissa, are assessed by allowing a suitable growth rate over the allocations made in the corresponding period of the previous year, and allocations are made accordingly. Besides the regular allocations, ad hoc releases are also given to meet specific situations like floods, drought, acute shortage of LPG, etc.

While the overall allocation of kerosene oil to States/Union Territories is made by the Ministry of Petroleum and Chemicals, its further distribution within the States/Union Territories, district-wise and area-wise, done by the States/Union Territories authorities themselves.

Allocation of kerosene oil to Orissa has been made in accordance with the above policy. The details of allocations and supplies given to this State in the last 3 years are given below:

(figures in tonnes)

<i>Year</i>	<i>Allocation</i>	<i>Upliftment</i>
1987-88	1,33,710	1,29,203
1988-89	1,43,190	1,44,535
1989-90 (upto January)	1,26,105	1,30,049

It will be seen that upliftment, by and large, has been in line with the allocations. The oil industry regularly monitors the supplies and also maintains effective coordination with the civil supplies authorities at the States as well as local levels to ensure equitable distribution. No complaints of any serious shortage or over-charging, particularly in the tribal/rural areas, has been received.

[English]

Reduction in Bulk Penicillin Prices by Hindustan Antibiotics Limited

4. SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state: