

**Non-availability of essential drugs
for heart patients in Patna**

5421. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR YADAV : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Calcigard, Persantin, Disantol and Carediwell are essential drugs (medicines) for the heart patients ;

(b) if so, whether Persantin, Disantol and Carediwell are not available at Patna for the last several months due to which heart patients are facing difficulty in their treatment ; and

(c) if so, the steps Government have taken to make available these essential medicines in Patna ?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL) : (a) to (c). The Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers monitors the market availability of essential and life saving drugs based on the reports received from the State Drug Controllers, Central Drug Standard Control Organisation and public complaints. No report indicating non-availability at Patna during the last three months, of Calcigard, persantin, Disantol and Carediwell, used for treatment of heart ailments has been received.

As and when shortage of any essential drug at any place is reported to the Monitoring Cell of the Ministry, the concerned manufacturers are immediately and invariably advised to rush stocks to the affected place. Moreover, equivalent drugs like Dynacard and Dopeletol are reportedly available in the market.

[*Translation*]

Setting up of cement industry in Kota-Chittorgarh belt

5422. PROF. NIRMALA KUMARI SHAKTAWAT : Will the Minister of

**INDUSTRY & COMPANY AFFAIRS
be pleased to state :**

(a) whether Government are aware that there are rich deposits of lime stone in Kota-Chittorgarh belt of Rajasthan which can meet the cement requirement of entire Western and North India ; and

(b) whether Government propose to curtail cement imports by expanding cement industries in this area by opening public sector industries and providing incentives to the private sector there ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) and (b). There are sizeable deposits of limestone in Kota-Chittorgarh belt of Rajasthan and a number of cement factories, in the private and public sectors have come up and are in the process of being expanded/set up in the area. Output from these factories are expected to help in meeting the requirements of cement of the Northern and Western regions of the country. With increasing production of cement in the country (both in the public and private sectors), import of cement has already come down and is expected to reduce further substantially.

[*English*]

Self-Employment-Scheme

5423. SHRI S.G. GHOLAP : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY & COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that people are getting less advantage of self-employment scheme through District Industries Centres in rural areas ; and

(b) if so, what steps Government are taking to help them ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.