

In order that the consumer gets essential medicines at cheap prices, a mark up of 40 per cent on the ex-factory cost and 55 per cent on the ex-factory cost is allowed in respect of Category-I and II formulations respectively. Category III formulations are allowed a mark up of upto 100 per cent on the ex-factory cost whereas there is no price control on the remaining formulations. Over 70 per cent of the medicines, are price controlled.

**Loan Licences for Formulations
Manufactured by IDPL**

6464. SHRI S. L. MURMU : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) the details of loan licences obtained for formulations got manufactured by the Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Ltd., (IDPL) last three years;

(b) the items got manufactured, the rate paid per packet;

(c) the saving IDPL has made in relation to their costing norms year-wise during the last three years on this account; and

(d) the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL) : (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Availability of Drugs for Treatment
of T. B., Asthma, Etc.**

6465. SHRI JAGANNATH PATNAIK :
SHRI DEBI GHOSAL :

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether some cases have come to the notice of Government that the output of vital drugs is being cut by companies and that a number of drug formulations used for the treatment of major diseases like TB, Asthma, Epilepsy, etc. are thus out of the market or beyond the reach of common people;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) the efforts made by Government to make these vital drugs available in the market at reasonable rates ?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL) : (a) to (c). My Ministry monitors the availability of essential and life saving medicines based on the reports received from the State Drug Controllers, the Central Drug Standard Organisations and public complaints. No shortage in respect of anti-TB and anti-Asthma formulations have been reported to this Ministry. However, reports of shortage of Dilantin, an anti-Epilepsy formulation have been received. Such shortages are of localised nature and the manufacturer has been rushing stocks to the reported areas of shortages immediately, on the advice of this Ministry.

Production of Fertilizers

6466. SHRI JAGANNATH PATNAIK : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) the various kinds of chemical fertilizers produced in the country and the existing capacity for each type;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have encouraged production of only two fertilizers; and

(c) if so, the details regarding the policy of Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL) : (a) Two main chemical fertilizers, namely, Nitrogenous and Phosphatic, are produced in the country. Their capacity as on 1.4.1984 was :

	<i>Capacity (In terms of nutrients)</i>
1. Nitrogenous Fertilizers	51.95 lakh tonnes of Nitrogen
2. Phosphatic Fertilizers	13.38 lakh tonnes of P ₂ O ₅