

Prices of Drugs for Treatment of T.B.

3124. SHRI R.M. BHOYE : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the major mass consumption drugs for treatment of T.B.;

(b) whether these drugs are easily available to the poor patients in the country?

(c) if so, the prices thereof;

(d) whether the present actual prices of these drugs are much less than the sale price; and

(e) if so, the action Government have taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI VEERENDA PATIL :

(a) to (c). The major mass consumption anti-TB drugs and their prices fixed under Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979 are as follows ;—

Sl. No.	Name of the Bulk Drug	Prices Rs./Kg.
1.	Streptomycin	847.42
2.	Pyrazinamide	1273.55
3.	Sodium PAS	99.92
4.	PAS Acid	105.34
5.	INH	174.00
6.	Ethambutol	681.00

Rifampicin is not produced in the country and as such the prices of formulations based on this drug are regulated based on the average land cost of imports prevailing from time to time. All these drugs are easily available for the patients.

(d) and (e). The prices as fixed by the

Government are the maximum sale prices and manufacturers are free to sell these bulk drugs at prices not exceeding the above prices. Whenever any instance of the sale price being lower than the price allowed in the formulations come to the notice of the Government, action is initiated under the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979 to recover, the difference.

Hydrocarbons Production by O.N.G.C

3125. KUMARI PUSHPA DEVI : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Commission proposes to double its hydrocarbons production during the Seventh Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the schemes prepared by O.N.G.C. to implement its proposal;

(c) the names of the onshore sectors identified by O.N.G.C. to modernise exploration work in those sectors;

(d) the estimated cost of those sectors; and

(e) the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) to (e). The target of crude production and details of the exploration programme during the Seventh Five Year Plan would be available only after the finalisation of the Seventh Plan.

Appointment of Dealers for Petroleum Products

3126. SHRI G.M. BANATWALLA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state :

(a) the current backlog in the appointment of dealers for petroleum products;

(b) the reasons for such huge backlog;

(c) the steps being taken to clear the backlog and the time by which the backlog is