

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHAMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH) : (a) and (b). Details of producers of monitored Anti-histaminic bulk drugs along with details of licensed capacity and production during the

last three years, year-wise and price fixed are given in the statement given below.

(c) Details of captive consumption of and sales of bulk drugs to other non-associated formulators are not monitored.

Statement

Name of Bulk Drug/Company	Licensed Capacity	Production			Price Fixed Rs./Kg.
		82-83	83-84	84-85	
(Tonnes)					
I. Pheniramine Maleate					
(i) Hoechst India	4.00	12.66	11.82	18.60	582.72
(ii) Searle India	5.00	1.72	0.48	0.01	582.72
II. Diphenhydramine					
(i) Parke-Davis	6.00	0.36	1.32	1.44	215.30
(ii) Univhem Labs.	3.60	12.30	10.36	10.12	215.30
III. Chlorpheniramine Maleate					
Searle India	5.00	1.70	—	—	747.37

Alternative Arrangements for Gas

223. SHRI C. JANGA REDDY : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the estimated period for which the Bombay High gas would last; and

(b) the alternative arrangements being planned for the fertilizer plants and other gas users after the present source is depleted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) According to present indications Bombay High field is expected to produce crude oil and associated gas at a slowly depleting rate till about 2010 A. D. However more reserves are expected to be added in the meantime.

(b) Apart from associated gas, Western offshore fields also have a large reserve of free gas. The fertilizer plants and other users would get associated and free gas through an integrated pipeline system.

Induction of Private Sector in the Manufacture of Telephone Switching Equipment

225. SHRI AMARSINH RATHAWA : SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering induction of private sector in the manufacture of telephone switching equipment;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the annual requirement of telephone switching equipment in the country;

(d) the annual production of telephone switching equipment in the country; and

(e) whether there is any proposal to establish a new telephone unit in the public sector also ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) and (b). In March, 1984, it was decided to secure cooperation of private enterprise in the

manufacture of switching and transmission equipment with at least 51% share being held by Central/State Governments and maximum of 49% held by private parties. The Government have further proposed in March, 1985 to set up an Electronic Switching System Factory using the technology being developed indigenously by the Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT) in which the investment of the Govt. would be restricted to 25% 26%, would be offered to a private sector party and 49% would be thrown open to general public.

(c) The requirement of telephone switching equipment is estimated on an average at around 4 lakh lines per annum, based on the approved 7th Five Year Plan outlay of the Department of Telecommunications.

(d) The switching equipment is presently produced by Indian Telephone Industries (ITI) Ltd., a public sector undertaking under the administrative control of Department of Telecommunications. ITI produced 2,50,000 equivalent lines of switching equipment during 1984-85.

(e) Government have approved a project for the manufacture of 5 lakh lines of digital switching equipment under ITI at Mankapur in U.P. This project is presently under execution. It has also been decided, in principle, to set up a second Electronic Switching System factory at Bangiore under ITI.

[*Translation*]

Construction of Automatic Telephone Exchange Building in Bihar Sharif

226. SHRI VIJOY KUMAR YADAV : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the details regarding the progress of construction work of the building of automatic telephone exchange being constructed in Bihar Sharif in Nalanda district of Bihar;

(b) the time by which the said building is likely to be completed; and

(c) the time by which the said automatic telephone exchange is likely to start functioning in the new building ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS

(SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) 50% work completed.

(b) By March, 1986.

(c) Equipment expected in 1986-87. It will take one year after the arrival of the equipment.

[*English*]

Waiting List in Vijayawada Telephone Exchange

227. SHRI K. S. RAO : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the capacity of Vijayawada Telephone Exchange is unutilised; and

(b) if so, the reasons for not clearing the waiting list ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) No, Sir. 10652 connections are working out of an equipped capacity of 11,400.

(b) Does not arise.

Setting up of industries in industrially backward districts of U.P.

228. SHRI ZAINUL BASHER : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that in industrially backward State like U.P., the industries are not going to 'No-industry districts' and industrially backward districts where many concessions are available;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action taken by Government in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) to (c). Industrialisation of an area takes place through the development of village and small scale industries, medium and large scale industries. In order to help and to encourage the entrepreneurs to set up industries in backward