

**Control on Prices of Drugs beyond the Purview of Price Control**

402. SHRI BHOLA NATH SEN : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether during the last three years the prices of drugs which are beyond the purview of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order 1979, have increased at higher rates than the increase in the prices of other Drugs which are not within the purview of the Price Control Order;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government have any proposal to control the prices of such drugs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH) : (a) In general, Yes, Sir.

(b) The scheme of price control under Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979 contemplated manufacturers setting off the higher margins in price decontrolled category against lower mark-ups in the price controlled categories of formulations.

(c) Government have not finalised its views on the New Drug Policy.

**Village Electrification in West Bengal**

403. SHRI BHOLA NATH SEN : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the achievements in West Bengal in the matter of village electrification has been lower than the target fixed for the Sixth Plan period;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for such shortfall;

(c) what was the performance of West Bengal as compared to the performance of other States in the matter of achieving the targets for village electrification during the Sixth Plan period; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to improve the performance during the Seventh Plan period in West Bengal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) and (b). Against a target of electrification of 9010 villages during the Sixth Plan period in the State of West Bengal, the achievement was 6338 villages. The poor progress in the State was attributable to inadequate transmission system, shortage of materials and the procedural delays involved in their procurement etc.

(c) A statement indicating the State-wise targets and achievements in electrification of villages during the Sixth Plan period is given below.

(d) The performance of rural electrification in the State is expected to improve during the Seventh Plan period with enhanced outlay for this purpose, and augmentation of distribution facilities within the available resources. Review meetings will also be held with the State authorities from time to time to monitor the progress closely.

**Statement**

*Statement indicating the State-wise targets and achievements during Sixth Plan in respect of village electrification*

| Sl. No | Name of the State | Electrification of villages                   |                               |            |
|--------|-------------------|---|-------------------------------|------------|
|        |                   | Target (1980-85) on the basis of Annual Plans | Achievement during Sixth Plan | %age level |
| 1      | 2                 | 3   | 4                             | 5          |
| 1.     | Andhra pradesh    | 7,640   | 6,419                         | 84.0       |
| 2.     | Assam             | 8,712   | 7,580                         | 87.0       |

| 1                    | 2 | 3       | 4       | 5     |
|----------------------|---|---------|---------|-------|
| 3. Bihar             |   | 16,550  | 13,952  | 84.3  |
| 4. Gujarat           |   | 6,295   | 5,268   | 83.7  |
| 5. Haryana           |   | —       | (*)     | —     |
| 6. Himachal Pradesh  |   | 4,168   | 5,693   | 136.6 |
| 7. Jammu and Kashmir |   | 2,155   | 1,153   | 53.5  |
| 8. Karnataka         |   | 6,080   | 6,401   | 105.3 |
| 9. Kerala            |   | —       | (*)     | —     |
| 10. Madhya Pradesh   |   | 16,398  | 18,425  | 112.4 |
| 11. Maharashtra      |   | 8,510   | 7,761   | 91.2  |
| 12. Manipur          |   | 365     | 280     | 76.7  |
| 13. Meghalaya        |   | 906     | 716     | 79.0  |
| 14. Nagaland         |   | 210     | 360     | 171.4 |
| 15. Orissa           |   | 6,835   | 6,531   | 95.6  |
| 16. Punjab           |   | —       | (*)     | —     |
| 17. Rajasthan        |   | 6,936   | 5,945   | 85.7  |
| 18. Sikkim           |   | 140     | 136     | 97.1  |
| 19. Tamil Nadu       |   | 144     | 150     | 104.2 |
| 20. Tripura          |   | 1,290   | 1,099   | 85.2  |
| 21. Uttar Pradesh    |   | 19,868  | 24,498  | 123.3 |
| 22. West Bengal      |   | 9,010   | 6,338   | 70.3  |
| Total (States)       |   | 122,212 | 118,705 | 97.1  |
| Total (U.Ts.)        |   | 939     | 836     | 89.0  |
| Total (All-India)    |   | 123,151 | 119,541 | 97.1  |

(\*) Cent percent electrification of villages already achieved.

**Setting up of Petro-Chemical Industries  
in Konkan Region**

404. PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE :  
Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be  
pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that in view of  
the commissioning of fertilizer projects at  
Thal and Vaishat in the Konkan region of  
Maharashtra, the Konkan region would be  
an ideal and convenient site for setting up  
new petro-chemicals industries; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to set up such  
industries in the Konkan region ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE  
DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND  
PETROCHEMICALS (SHRI R. K.  
JAICHANDRA SINGH) : (a) and (b).  
Location of such projects is decided on  
techno-economic considerations.

A petrochemicals complex in the Central  
Public Sector with an estimated outlay of  
Rs. 1167 crores is under implementation in