

**Extent of increase in Sale of Liquefied Petroleum Gas**

1437. SHRI BHOLANATH SEN : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state the extent to which the sale of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) has increased during the past three years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : There has been an increase of about 58% in the sale of LPG during 1984-85 as compared to 1982-83. The year-wise details are as follows

Year	Sale of LPG
1982-83	601,000 MT
1983-84	746,000 MT
1984-85	950,000 MT

**Reduction in the Price of 6 APA**

1438. SHRI BHOLANATH SEN : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the selling price of Rs. 1677 per kg. fixed for Ampicillin Trihydrate is based on the pooled price of Rs. 1230 per kg. for 6 APA;

(b) whether the actual selling price of Ampicillin Trihydrate in the markets of Delhi and Bombay is around Rs. 1425 per kg.;

(c) the total expenditure of Government during the last two years on payment of subsidy for indigenously produced 6-APA and the justification for such payments;

(d) the demand as compared to production of 6 APA and Ampicillin Trihydrate; and

(e) whether in view of availability of Ampicillin Trihydrate at Rs. 1425 per kg., Government have any proposal to reduce the price of 6 APA ?

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

(b) Manufacturers are free to sell Ampicillin Trihydrate at price not exceeding the maximum sale price of Rs. 1677 per kg. fixed for the drug.

(c) The present system of pricing of 6-APA contemplates a retention price of Rs. 2100 for domestic production and a pooled price of Rs. 1230 per kg. and a payment of subsidy of Rs. 870 per kg. on domestic sale of 6-APA produced in the country. During the year 1983-84 and 1984-85, IDPL, HAL, Max and Alembic were paid Rs. 186.12 lakh as subsidy *inter alia* for domestic production of 6-APA.

(d) Production of Ampicillin Trihydrate in the country is adequate to meet the demand. Demand of 6-APA has to be met partially from domestic production and partially from imports.

(e) Prices are constantly under review.

**Increase in the Prices of Drugs due to Overvaluation**

1439. SHRI MANVENDRA SINGH : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the industrial licences granted by Government have been overvalued in Capital which has ultimately led to increase in prices of drugs;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, the reaction of Government the relation to production of drugs and drug intermediates *vis-a-vis* capital invested by small scale sector units, such as Ampicillin, Sulpha Methoxazole, Trimethoprim, Pyrazinamide, 6 APA etc. ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH) : (a) No such specific instance has come to the notice of the Government.