

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS (SHRI R.K. JAI-CHANDRA SINGH) : (a) and (b) There is no shortage of Rifampicin and its formulations. The imports of Rifampicin bulk drug are allowed under Open General Licence. The prices of Rifampicin formulations are statutorily fixed under the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Letters of Intent for the manufacture of this drug have already been issued to seven manufacturers.

(e) The requisite information is given below ;

Year	CIF value of import of Rifampicin (Rs. Crores)
1982-83	15.89
1983-84	15.94
1984-85	21.30

Effect of delicensing of drugs

4066. SHRI D.N. REDDY : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the effect of delicensing of drugs done in March and June, 1985, in respect of achievement of plan targets and lowering the prices ;

(b) whether there are plans to delicense any drugs at present reserved for public sector and small scale sector ; and

(c) if so details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS (SHRI R.K. JAI-CHANDRA SINGH) : (a) So far about 80 registrations for the manufacture of drugs and pharmaceuticals have been issued under the scheme of delicensing. It is too early to indicate the effects on the achievement of plan targets and lowering of prices.

(b) & (c) Drug Policy is under review.

S. T. Line in Tamluk (Midnapore district, West Bengal)

4067. SHRI SATYAGOPAL MISRA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the present position in regard to connecting Tamluk (Midnapore District, West Bengal) with S.T.D. line in National net work;

(b) the details there of; and

(c) if not connected the reasons for delay ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIR-DHA) : At present Tamluk (Midnapur District, West Bengal) is not linked with National Net Work for STD Service.

(b) & (c) Due to limitation of resources, only District Headquarters and larger telephone exchanges of more than 1000 lines capacity (as on 1.4.85) have been given priority for provision of STD facility. STD service to Tamluk, which is at present a manual exchange, can be considered after meeting priority requirements.

Adulteration in Petroleum Products

4068. SHRI P. R. KUMARAMANGALAM : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there have been large number of cases of adulteration of petroleum products during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, company-wise, and the action taken thereon;

(c) how the situation compares with figures of 1980-83 given in reply to Unstarred Question No. 4973 on 22 December, 1983;

(d) whether any guidelines have been issued in this regard; and

(e) whether as a corrective measure Government propose to lay down a code