

licences to that State at least in the public sector ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNA-

CHALAM) : (a) to (d) The table below indicates the share of West Bengal in the total number of letters of intent and industrial licences issued under the provisions of the Industries (Development & Regulation) Act, during the year 1983 to 1986 :-

Letters of Intent

Year	Total issued (No.)	Share of West Bengal (No.)
1983	1055	45
1984	1064	35
1985	1457	66
1986	1130	42

Industrial Licences

Year	Total issued (No)	Share of West Bengal (No.)
1983	1075 (including 596 COB licences)	71 (including 50 COB licences)
1984	905 including 417 COB licences)	93 (including 64 COB licences)
1985	985 (including 544 COB licences)	51 (including 30 COB licences)
1986	618 (including 107 COB licences)	21 (including 5 COB licences)

The choice regarding location of an industrial unit is made by the entrepreneur himself after taking into account all the relevant factors like availability of infrastructural facilities, raw materials and industrial work culture, etc. The grant of letters of intent/industrial licences for establishing industries in any State depends upon the number of applications received from entrepreneurs for locating industries in that State. These applications, as and when received, are considered on merits taking into account various techno-

economic factors, such as demand and supply, capacity already licensed in the proposed line of manufacture, availability of raw materials, export potential and locational constraints, etc.

**Impact of OPEC price policy on
Indian purchases**

2094. DR. B. L. SHAILESH : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been a remarkable reversal in the oil policy of Saudi Arabia as a result of which oil prices have stumbled recently; and

(b) its repercussion on Indian purchases and how India proposes to avail of this dip in oil prices ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHMA DUTT) : (a) and (b) The Government is not aware of such a development. However, the market situation is watched constantly in order to derive maximum advantages in our purchases.

Steps to modernise public sector pharmaceutical units

2095. DR. B. L. SHAIKESH : Will

the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the indigenisation programme for bulk drugs, their rationalisation and quality control chalked out as follow-up of the Drug Policy announced recently; and

(b) the steps being taken to attain greater efficiency and modernisation in the public sector pharmaceutical units ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH) : (a) Relevant details are given in the Statement-I below.

(b) Relevant details are given in the Statement-II below :

Statement-I

As a follow up of the "measures for Rationalisation, Quality Control and Growth of Drugs and Pharmaceutical Industry in India." The following action has already been taken.

- (i) A four member expert committee has already been set up to determine parameters for phased manufacturing programme aimed at indigenisation for each bulk drug.
- (ii) A Committee under the Chairmanship of State Drug Controller, Gujarat is already looking into the question of rational use of drugs.
- (iii) For better quality control, rules in respect of good manufacturing practices and certification scheme are being framed.

Statement-II

IDPL, BCPL, SSPL & BIL are expected to finalise their rehabilitation plan shortly and these are expected to include inter-alia modernising to the extent required to make them economically viable. HAL have already formulated their rehabilitation plan which is under implementation. Main features of their rehabilitation plan are as follows :-

- I Acquisition of improved technology and to bring down their input cost.
- II Maximising the existing capacity and creation of additional capacity for