

**Coal Gasification Pilot Project in  
North Gujarat**

**5275. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL :** Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Coal Gasification Pilot Project in North Gujarat has started operating;

(b) if so, whether this project is designed to solve energy crisis in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM) (a) to (c). It is an R & D Pilot Project. So far only one information well has been drilled. The extent of its contribution in meeting the energy requirements in the region/country would depend upon the success of the pilot project.

**Prices of Vitamin Medicines**

**5276. SHRI RAJ KUMAR RAI :** Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the prices of all brand of vitamin medicines have gone up during the last one month; and

(b) if so, what were the prices of each before the announcement of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987 and what are the prices at present?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO) : (a) and (b). The prices of some single ingredient vitamin formulations have gone up as the manufacturers are free to revise the prices as per provisions of Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987. A large number of manufacturers are producing vitamin formulations, the prices of which are controlled. The details required in the question are quite voluminous and are not readily available. Time and efforts

required for collection of the same will not be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

**Consideration of Representations on  
DPCO by Kelkar Committee**

**5277. SHRI RAJ KUMAR RAI :** Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kelkar Committee has considered the representations received from different agencies about removal of anomalies and discrepancies in identification of Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(c) if not, the time by which the work of the Committee would complete?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO) : (a) to (c). The Kelkar Committee is reviewing the representations.

**TV Relay Centre at Agatti Island**

**5278. SHRI K. RAMACHANDRA REDDY :** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister opened a television relay centre at Agatti Island on 30 December, 1987;

(b) whether there was breakdown of this relay centre; if so, the causes thereof;

(c) whether it has since been repaired; and

(d) the total amount incurred on its construction and subsequent repairs?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT) : (a) to (c). Yes, Sir.