

[English]

Pak's Interference

1445. SHRI PRADIP BHATTACHARYA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Pakistan Government have been taking anti-Indian attitude for the past two years;

(b) whether the Government have taken note of the same; and

(c) if so, the effective steps taken to prevent Pakistan's interference into the domestic affairs of India?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) to (c). Pakistan's negative approach towards India, its interference in our internal affairs and its "anti-Indian" policies have continued.

Government, while seeking to build a relationship of trust and friendship with people of Pakistan, would remain vigilant and take all necessary measures to safeguard national interest and security.

Spurious Medicines at Safdarjung Hospital

1446. SHRI SURESH PRABHU :
PROF. AJIT KUMAR MEHTA :
SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Spurious medicines at Safdarjung" as reported in the Hindustan Times dated October 14, 1996;

(b) if so, whether the Doctors at the Cancer Surgery Ward in Safdarjung Hospital have found fungus in bottles of intravenous fluids;

(c) if so, whether even medicines given to patients in the Safdarjung Hospital are of inferior quality and

(d) if so, the facts and details thereof and concrete steps Government propose to take against persons involved therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQSHERVANI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Fungus was found in one deformed bottle Sodium Chloride and Dextrose Injection I.P. 540 Batch No. E-11-2676, date of manufacturing July, 1996 and date of Expiry July, 1998.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) An Enquiry Committee has been set up enquire into the news item relating to the alleged presence of fungus in the IV Fluid bottles in Safdar Hospital which will report on the purchase procedure storage and supply, precautions taken before use of IV Fluids and suggest the remedial measures to prevent recurrence of such incidents in future.

Port Facilities

1447. SHRI SANAT MEHTA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to the response given to starred question No. 60 on July, 12, 1996 state :

(a) the details of 26 new schemes sanctioned providing port facilities at major ports;

(b) the number of schemes completed; and

(c) the time by which the remaining schemes likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (S. T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) to (c). A Statement enclosed.

STATEMENT*Details of 26 New Schemes Sanctioned for Providing port Facilities at Major Ports*

S.No.	Name of the Scheme	Estimated Cost (Rs. in crores)	Date of Sanction	Present Status
1.	2	3	4	5
1.	Construction of break-water and wharf on the northern side of Androth Island in Lakshdweep.	19.42	8.4.92	Likely to be completed in April, 2000
2.	Procurement of an Oil Skimmer-cum-Bouy tender for Cochin Port.	5.74	1.5.92	Completed in June, 1996.

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3.	Construction of break-water on the eastern side of Kalpani Island in Lakshdweep.	9.50	11.8.92	Likely to be completed in April, 2000.
4.	Construction of multi-purpose cargo berth at Paradip Port.	26.36	13.8.92	Completed in October, 1995.
5.	Procurement of Pilot Vessel for Calcutta Port	30.19	23.4.93	Kept in abeyance.
6.	Construction of New Port at Ennore near Madras for handling thermal coal	593.90	23.4.93	Likely to be completed by 31.10.99.
7.	Creation of mechanised coal handling facilities at Paradip and construction of 2 coal berths	587.41	23.4.93	Likely to be completed by Sept. 98.
8.	Construction of an approach bridge to Service Berth at Jawaharlal Nehru Port.	13.09	24.8.93	Substantially completed in Sept. 1996.
9.	Construction of Breakwater and wharf at MUS in Car Nicobar	47.63	18.1.94	Scheduled to be completed in Jan., 2001.
10.	Replacement of Dredger Vikas by Bombay Port.	30.00	21.2.94	Likely to be completed by March, 97.
11.	Procurement of 3 Nos. 20 Ton Electric Wharf cranes at Madras Port.	38.00	23.2.94	Likely to be completed by Feb., 98.
12.	Procurement of one 32 Ton high powered BP Tractor Tug for Tuticorin Port.	15.40	28.3.94	Tug commissioned in Feb., 1995.
13.	Installation of vessel Traffic Management System (VTMS) at Bombay Port.	32.96	28.3.94	Likely to be completed in March, 97.
14.	Construction of multi-purpose cargo berth No. 7 at Tuticorin Port	28.64	9.5.94	Scheduled to be completed by May, 1998.
15.	Deepening of channel leading to COT at Cochin	47.40	9.6.94	Completed in May, 95.
16.	Construction of additional cargo berth at Kandla	38.82	9.6.94	Scheduled to be in June, 1998.
17.	Provision of Port facilities for handling crude and POL products for the new refinery being set up at Mangalore.	238.14	23.6.94	Likely to be completed in March, 97.
18.	Construction of a Jetty for handling LPG at Visakhapatnam Port.	24.12	24.6.94	Likely to be completed in December, 97.

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19.	Providing 66KV/11KV Electric sub-station with all equipment etc. at Kandla	15.74	12.7.94	Scheduled to be completed in July, 97.
20.	Replacement of victoria Dock Gate Entrance at Bombay Port.	8.98	7.10.94	Order placed in September, 1996.
21.	Replacement of tug "SIRI" by Vizag Port.	14.06	28.3.95	Likely to be completed in Jan. 97.
22.	Replacement of Sub-Marine pipelines by Bombay Port	165.15	28.3.95	Scheduled to be completed in Jan., 98.
23.	Procurement of 4 Nos. Wharf cranes by Kandla Port	21.20	29.3.95	Scheduled to be completed in April, 1998.
24.	Construction of Multi-storeyed Transit shed at Madras port by demolition of existing old sheds.	18.38	19.6.95	Likely to be completed in June, 98.
25.	Construction of multi-purpose cargo berth in the Outer Harbour at Vizag Port	37.70	15.1.96	Scheduled to be completed in Jan, 1999.
26.	Construction of 4th Oil Jetty at Kandla Port	25.12	18.2.96	Scheduled to be completed in February, 2000.

Supply of Defective Ammunition by Ordnance factories

1448. SHRI I.D. SWAMI : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Ordnance divisions supply defective ammunition", appearing in the *Indian Express* dated March 11, 1996;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N SOMU) : (a) to (c). A news item captioned "Ordnance Divisions supplying defective ammunition" has come to the notice of the Government. The news item is based on the observations contained in para 39 of the C and AG Report No. 8 of 1996 for the period ended 31 March, 1995.

2. Two versions of the ammunition in question were manufactured using primer 'Y' based on technology transfer from abroad. The initial lots of the primer 'Y' were manufactured in the presence, and direct supervision of the foreign technical experts and to their satisfaction. Primer lots 1 to 25 were used in 39,485 rounds of these two versions of the ammunition issued to the army, after successful proof testing of both the primer and the ammunition rounds.

3. Primer 'Y' from one of the lots which had also been successfully proof tested was used as a sub-system in the testing of a third version of the ammunition, which was under development indigenously, when an accident occurred. Investigations revealed that the accident was most probably due to an operation called "beading" not having been carried out in the manufacture of primer 'Y'. Arising out of this, "Beading" is being carried out in the manufacture of primer 'Y' from lot 26 onwards.

4. Out of 39,485 rounds of the first two versions of ammunition issued to the army, 11,108 rounds have already been used up. No problem has been reported. However, following the accident while testing the third version of the ammunition under indigenous development, the remaining 28,377 rounds of first two versions of the ammunition issued to the army which have the unbeaded primer 'Y' have been segregated. This has been done as a measure of abundant caution. Also, Rectification work involving replacement of the primer from these rounds has commenced.

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Introduction of Courses in Hindi in IGNOU

1449. KUMARI UMA BHARATI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to start Library