

Use of Tetrapak and Tetrabrik

3480. SHRI P. R. KUMARAMANGALAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Tetrapak and Tetrabrik has become very popular in the country;

(b) whether the packaging involves use of paper and LDPE and if so, how much of this was imported indicating total value of both and that of the imported component;

(c) the total equivalent number of trees needed to provide the total paper used and whether this is affecting environment;

(d) whether before 1985 Government had turned down Tetrapak and toilet paper projects so that school children got their Books and note books; and

(e) whether Tetrapak under NDDB is incurring losses due to huge investments on imported machines and supply of packages to soft-drink companies at low prices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (e). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Shifting of Rifampicin from OGL to Restricted List

3481. DR. CHANDRA SHEKHAR TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the drugs which are in open general licence;

(b) the reasons for keeping them in open general licence despite their production in the country;

(c) whether Rifampicin has been shifted from OGL to restricted list; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSI): (a) The list of drugs which are allowed for import under OGL appear in Appendix 6 of Import-Export Policy, (Volume-I), 1988-91 copies of which are available in the Parliament Library.

(b) to (d). Import policy for drugs is determined in consideration of factors like demand, availability, technology constraints etc. During 1985-88 policy, import of Rifampicin was allowed under OGL. However, in the 1988-89 Policy, it has been shifted to the list of limited permissible items, because of improved domestic availability.

World Bank aided Gujarat Rural Road Project

3482. SHRI RANJITSINGH GAEKWAD: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the World Bank aided Gujarat Rural Road Project;

(b) the total amount likely to be spent thereon; and

(c) the schedule fixed for starting and completion of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) The International Development Association have extended a Credit of \$ 119.6 million to finance the Gujarat Rural Roads Project, involving construction, reconstruction and improvement of about 4000 Kms. of village roads connecting about 1,900 villages in 7 districts of Gujarat and