

बढ़कर 180.8 (घनन्तिम) हो गया है, जबकि फरवरी, 1977 का मूल्य सूचकांक जो 170.4 था, फरवरी, 1978 में बढ़कर 180.4 (घनन्तिम) हो गया था।

Price of Cheap Dhories and Sarees

5648. SHRI B. P. MANDAL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present price of cheap dhories and sarees; and

(b) how do they compare with the price in the last year in the corresponding period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI ABHA MAITI): (a) and (b). The reference is probably to the dhories and sarees in the controlled varieties of cloth, the prices of which are statutorily fixed and there has been no increase in the consumer prices of these varieties during 1977 or 1978. The average ex-mill prices per square metre of dhories and sarees of these varieties are Rs. 1.74 and Rs. 1.82 respectively.

Regional Research Laboratory, Jammu

5649. SHRI BALDEV SINGH JASROTIA: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Regional Research Laboratory, Jammu, News letter of August, 1977 states that 32 new and novel plant compounds have been isolated in the Directors' Laboratory during the last ten years;

(b) if so, how much financial expenditure has been incurred on the staff, chemicals and equipment employed in this research;

(c) how many compounds out of these would become useful drugs for the treatment of diseases;

(d) how many compounds are under biological investigation; and

(e) whether there is any industrial use of these compounds?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This work forms parts of the total programme of investigations on herbal drugs, chemistry of natural products and development of exploitable technologies for phyto-chemicals. The staff and allocation for chemicals etc., is common. Hence, it is not possible to separate out expenditure incurred on isolation and characterisation of these compounds.

(c) Three specific compounds are at present under detailed studies and offer promise to come up as new drugs.

(d) Six groups of compounds have shown biological activity.

(e) Some of the compounds have shown insecticidal and synergistic activity and offer scope for industrial use in due course.

पोर्ट ब्लेयर के समीप डुगोंग क्रीक द्वीप में "घोगे" जन-जाति पर व्यय

5650. श्री जगन् कुमार शास्त्री : : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पोर्ट ब्लेयर के समीप डुगोंग क्रीक द्वीप में रहने वाली "घोगे" जाति के लोगों की संख्या कितनी है तथा उन पर केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा प्रति वर्ष कितनी धनराशि खर्च की जाती है; और

(ख) क्या उन "घोगे" परिवारों की देख रेख के लिये 30 व्यक्ति नियुक्त किये गये हैं और यदि हाँ, तो उन पर प्रतिवर्ष कितनी धनराशि खर्च की जा रही है ?

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री वसिष्ठ शास्त्री अय्यर) : (क) डुगोंग क्रीक की घोगे बस्ती में घोगे जाति के 77 व्यक्ति रह रहे हैं। डुगोंग क्रीक में विकास कार्यक्रम केन्द्र सरकार