

(v) The Law Commission have been requested to suggest suitable measures to tackle the general problem of arrears. They are seized of the matter.

(vi) The Supreme Court with the approval of the President, has recently amended the Supreme Court Rules to facilitate early disposal of cases in the Supreme Court.

#### Generic names for Drugs

295. SHRI P. S. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the recommendations of Hathi Committee regarding use of generic names for drugs instead of brand names;

(b) the final decision on this aspect; and

(c) the extent to which this decision has been implemented?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA):

(a) The recommendations of the Committee on Drugs and Pharmaceutical Industry (Hathi Committee) regarding substitution of brand names by generic names are contained in para 22 of Chapter X of its report a copy of which has been laid on the Table of Lok Sabha.

(b) The decisions of the Government on the recommendations of the Committee on Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Industry (Hathi Committee) on the use of brand names are contained in paragraphs 71.1 to 71.6, 99, 100 and 102 of the Statement laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha on the 29th March, 1978.

(c) Action has been initiated to implement this decision.

#### Wagon allotment for Coal transport to Tamil Nadu Power Stations

296. SHRI C. N. VISVANATHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of wagons allotted for transport of coal to power stations in Tamil Nadu during last three years;

(b) the reasons why the power stations have been allowed to suffer for want of coal supply in time; and

(c) the steps taken to ensure regular and uninterrupted flow of coal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a)

1975-76 . . . . .	38376
1976-77 . . . . .	62036
1977-78 . . . . .	61452

(b) Movement of coal to Thermal Plants in South India was disrupted during the year 1977-78 and in the last few months due to:—

(i) severe cyclones hitting the Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu coasts during November 1977 severely dislocating movement; and

(ii) month long strike in the Singareni collieries from the middle of April, 1978.

(c) During the above dislocations, the Railways made all out efforts to reach coal to the Thermal Plants in Tamil Nadu from alternative sources including the Bengal-Bihar fields. Arrangements have been made to step up the loading of coal from the Singareni fields which is the main source of supply of coal to the Tamil Nadu Thermal Plants.