

search & Development unit with the Department of Science & Technology proposing to take up the following activities in the field of drugs and pharmaceuticals:

(1) Import substitution activities.

(2) New Product development, standardisation etc.;

(3) Analytical Development/standardisation; and

(4) Medicinal/clinical research.

Statement

ABBOTT LABORATORIES (INDIA) PRIVATE LIMITED

	Year ending 30th November		
	1975 Rs.	1976 Rs.	1977 Rs.
1. Paid-up Capital.	1,00,000	1,00,000	1,00,000
2. Investment in Plant & Machinery (Includes Electrical Installation, Air Conditioning Plant, lift etc. at office & Factory) (before providing for depreciation)	68,08,987	76,15,123	79,67,611
3. Profit before tax.	1,41,15,880	77,96,548	47,79,229

Encouragements by Steel Plants to Small Scale Industry in Peripheral Regions

2145. SHRI V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the precise particulars of efforts made by steel plants to take responsibility for fostering and encouraging small scale industry efforts in peripheral regions around the plants;

(b) whether studies have been made about the increase in the scope and range of such efforts; and

(c) if so, the results of such studies and the programmes formulated as a result?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI KARIA MUNDA): (a) The management of steel plants provide encouragement to the growth of small scale industries around the steel plants in a variety of ways, such as placement of regular orders on them for items which can be manu-

factured by them, providing technical know-how and guidance, arranging or helping in the procurement of raw materials, providing testing and laboratory facilities, training of personnel etc. Senior officers have been appointed in each plant to coordinate this work. Advisory Committee have also been formed under the Chairmanship of the Managing Directors of steel plants (with representatives drawn from the State Governments concerned, financial institution, and other local bodies) which review the progress of ancillary development programme from time to time and advise the managements in this regard.

(b) and (c). Periodical studies are undertaken by the steel plants in consultation with the concerned authorities to identify items which can be manufactured by small scale industries. Similarly, surveys are carried out to assess the capacities/capabilities of the existing industries. Based on these studies/surveys plans are finalised for placement of orders as also

for the development of new units. For example, as a result of a study of the existing capacity of small scale units in Bhilai-Durg region about 600 parts and components in Bhilai Steel Plant have been identified for off-loading to such units. Similarly, 30 new items have been identified in Rourkela Steel Plant.

Employees of Oil and Natural Gas Commission engaged in Oil Exploration and Oil Extraction

2146. SHRI S. S. SOMANI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state the number of employees of the Oil and Natural Gas Commission who are engaged in oil exploration and oil extraction work separately?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Setting up of Alumina Plants on the East Coast

2147. DR. BIJOY MONDAL:
SHRI SHYAM SUNDAR GUPTA:
SHRI PIUS TIRKEY:
SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO:
SHRI K. PRADHANI:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether feasibility studies for setting up of alumina plants on the east coast of the country have been completed;

(b) if so, whether any financial arrangements for the purpose have also been made;

(c) whether the sites for setting up of these plants have also been selected; and

(d) the time by which these plants will be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI KARIA MUNDA): (a) to (d): Feasibility studies for setting up of two alumina/aluminium plants on the East Coast are expected to be completed during the middle of this year. The pattern of financing arrangements, location of plant/plants, schedule of implementation etc. would be decided only after the feasibility studies are completed.

Proposal to set up Fertilizer Factories during Sixth Five Year Plan

2148. DR. BIJOY MONDAL:
SHRI SHYAM SUNDAR GUPTA:
SHRI PIUS TIRKEY:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of fertilizer factories proposed to be set up in each State during the Sixth Five Year Plan period;

(b) whether there is any proposal to set up any fertilizer factory in West Bengal; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA): (a) A large scale programme for augmentation of fertilizer capacity comprising of 11 fertilizer projects is presently under implementation. These projects are expected to be completed and production started during the Sixth Five Year Plan. The states in which