

is an activity that will have to be undertaken by the respective States. The Ministry of Energy has advised the States to pay special attention to such schemes, and has also offered to make available the services of experts, or render any technical assistance that may be required by them.

Increase in the transmission power of Calcutta station of A.I.R.

1071. **SHRI KRISHNA CHANDRA HALDER** : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are thinking to increase the transmission power of Calcutta centre of All India Radio at par with Delhi Station of All India Radio, so that programmes from Calcutta can be heard at any time from Bombay, Madras, Srinagar, Delhi and other parts of our country; and

(b) if so, when the transmission power is expected to be increased?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI KUMUD. BEN M. JOSHI) : (a) & (b) . There is no such proposal at present. AIR stations are set up primarily for providing a regional service, though during night time the programmes from these stations may be heard beyond the concerned regions also. Incidentally, AIR Calcutta feeds the 1000 KW. MW transmitter at Mogra with Bengali programmes intended for Bangladesh. These programmes are widely heard in NE India.

Loan by World Bank for Development of Bombay High

1072. **SHRI LAKSHMAN MALLICK** : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Bank has recently sanctioned a loan of 400 million dollars to India for the development of Bombay High ; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. C. SETHI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The World Bank loan of US \$ 400 million is for part financing of the Phase IV and Phase V (Advance Action) development programmes of Bombay High.

The loan amount is to be utilised for procurement and installation of platforms and connecting sub-sea pipelines.

The loan carries interest at the rate of 9 1/4% per annum on amounts drawn and a commitment charge of three-fourths of one per cent on amounts undrawn; and the interest and commitment charges are payable semi-annually each year. The entire loan is to be drawn before 31st March, 1984 and is re-payable over a period of not more than 20 years including a grace period of 5 years.

Production of Life Saving Drugs

1073. **SHRI DHARAMVIR SINHA** : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) the details of various life-saving drugs, whose production has considerably fallen during the current year ; and

(b) the reasons for the short-fall in the production ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) and (b) . On the basis of actual production during April-November, 1980 and estimated production during December, 1980-March, 1981, there is expected to be an overall increase in the production of most of the essential drugs during 1980-81 as compared to 1979-80.

Drilling of idle oil wells

1074. **SHRI K. T. KOSALRAM** : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) the number and location of drilled oil wells standing idle for certain technical and geological reasons ;

(b) whether the percentage of oil extraction on Indian oil fields is low for natural geological reasons ; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to repair and to commission the drilled oil wells standing idle and also to raise oil well productivity?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. C. SETHI) : (a) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.