

(d) State Chemicals and Pharmaceuticals Corporation Ltd.'s selling price of Ethambutol Hydrochloride, as fixed by the Government till 18-12-1980 was Rs. 593.60 per kg. This price was revised to Rs. 620 per kg. from 19-12-1980 which is the pooled price for Ethambutol Hydrochloride.

(e) and (f). Only one company namely M/s. Themis Chemicals had formally applied for effecting substantial expansion in the manufacture of Ethambutol Hydrochloride from 15 tonnes to 60 tonnes per annum. Their proposal was originally rejected on 30-11-1979. The party has represented against the rejected. This is under examination. The production they achieved as per their earlier licence had to be ascertained. The stage from which they propose to manufacture had to be discussed with them.

M/s. Lupin Laboratories have written on expansion but have not formally applied.

During 1980-81 Ethambutol Hydrochloride has been imported to the extent of 29.15 tonnes which shows decline in the import. With the implementation of the industrial approvals already issued it is expected that the imports of this drug will reduce further.

Power Shortage due to Floods

2388. SHRI M. B. CHANDRA-SHEKARA MURTHY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to heavy floods in various parts of the country, the power projects suffered damages which caused power shortage in many States;

(b) if so, the total loss suffered by the power projects;

(c) whether any Central Assistance has been provided in these States;

(d) what are the States where power projects were destroyed; and

(e) whether all these have been repaired by now?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) to (e). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Setting up of Ethylene based Petro-chemical Projects

2389. SHRI M. B. CHANDRA-SHEKARA MURTHY:
SHRI MOHAMMAD ASRAR AHMAD:

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

(a) whether proposal to set up three large ethylene based petro-chemical projects in Maharashtra, Gujarat and Haldia in West Bengal has been questioned by the country's petro-chemical experts;

(b) if so, whether according to the experts it will take a long time to make these projects viable;

(c) if so, what will be the total expenditure involved in these projects;

(d) whether the work will start very soon; and

(e) whether any foreign help is also being considered?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The estimated cost of the project in Haldia, based on mid-1980 prices, is Rs. 428 crores.

The estimated cost of the project proposed to be set up in Maharashtra is about Rs. 900 crores.

In July 1979, the Government of Gujarat had estimated to project cost for a gas based petro-chemicals complex in Gujarat at Rs. 780 crores.