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(d) The Department of Environment is taking steps with the cooperation of State Governments to take legal and administrative measures for conservation and protection of endangered plant species through creation of Biosphere Reserves. A network of National Parks and Sanctuaries exceeding 200 are already in existence for ensuring protection to the country's biological resources.

पत्रकार संघ द्वारा मुफ्त इलाज की मांग

2547. श्री मनोराम बागड़ी : क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या उनको मालूम है कि दिल्ली के पत्रकारों के संघ 'पत्रकार संघ' ने मुफ्त इलाज की मांग की है; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो इस बारे में सरकार क्या कार्यवाही कर रही है ?

श्रम मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती राम बुलारी सिन्हा) : (क) और (ख). जी, नहीं। दिल्ली में उन समाचार पत्र प्रतिष्ठानों, जिनमें 20 या अधिक व्यक्ति नियोजित हैं में नियोजित और 1000/- रु० तक मासिक पारिश्रमिक प्राप्त करने वाले श्रमजीवी पत्रकार कर्मचारी राज्य बीमा योजना के अन्तर्गत चिकित्सा और अन्य सुविधाओं के हकदार हैं।

Colgate Palmolive

2548. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the American multinational Colgate-Palmolive is diversifying into synthetic detergent and toilet soaps;

(b) if so, the quantity licensed and

capital involved; its export commitments;

(c) the considerations which have weighed with Government in boosting this multi-national Co.; and

(d) whether it has recently raised the prices of its products like tooth pastes by 5 to 6 per cent and if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA): (a) to (c). M/s. Colgate Palmolive (India) Ltd. is neither a FERA nor MRTP company. This company has been granted a Letter of Intent for the manufacture of 10,000 tonnes per annum of synthetic detergents. This company has also been registered with the Directorate General of Technical Development for the manufacture of 12,000 tonnes per annum of toilet soap. These activities involve a capital investment of Rs. 280 lakhs & Rs. 190 lakhs respectively. No export commitment has been given by the company.

(d) The company has reported the following increase in prices of tooth paste effective from May, 1981:—

Colgate Dental Cream (Toothpastes)	% increase in prices in May'81 over March'81 prices
200 gms.	5.55
150 gms.	Nil
100 gms.	4.6
50 gms.	Nil

There is no statutory price control in relation to tooth paste.