

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P.C. SETHI). (a) and (b) : Information regarding letters of intent/ industrial licences issued for petrochemical industries during January-August 1981 is being compiled and will laid on the Table of the House.

(c) The Cochin Refineries Limited is preparing a feasibility report which will be examined expeditiously on receipt.

### Excessive Imports of Drugs

3317. SHRI PIUS TIRKEY : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that large scale oversized import plans for drugs had been formulated by Government in the past for canalised items at the instance of CPC ;

(b) whether such import plans have resulted into huge stock inventories of unsold drugs with CPC ; and

(c) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) Canalised drug items are allowed to be imported by the Government canalising agency, namely, CPC, after taking into account the estimated demand of various drugs in the country and their indigenous availability. In addition to this the CPC can also import (upto a certain percentage of the import authorised by the Government for each item) additional quantities of critical items according to its own judgement for the maintenance of adequate buffer stocks.

(b) and (c). Some times due to reasons of unexpectedly slow lifting or non-lifting of the canalised items allocated to actual users, CPC has had to carry inventories of such drugs. However, in such cases remedial measures are taken to liquidate the inventories.

### रतलाम में स्थापित एक्सचेंज

3318. श्री फ़ज़लुद्दौल्लाह शर्मा : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि रतलाम शहर में एक स्थापित एक्सचेंज की आवश्यकता काफी घटने से महसूस की जा रही है ;

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो वहाँ विद्यमान टेलीफोन एक्सचेंज में यह व्यवस्था किए जाने में कितना समय लगेगा तथा इस सम्बन्ध में अब तक क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ; और

(ग) उपरोक्त रतलाम टेलीफोन एक्सचेंज में कार्य कर रहे कर्मचारियों (ऑपरेटर, मनीटर, पर्यवेक्षक, तकनीशियन आदि) की कुल संख्या तथा खाली पदों की कुल संख्या क्या है ?

संचार संचालन एवं राज्य संचार (श्री कार्तिक उरांव) : (क) जी हाँ ।

(ख) 1985-86 तक । भवन के निर्माण हेतु कार्यवाही आरम्भ कर दी गई है ।

(ग) टेलीफोन ऑपरेटरों, मॉनिटरों, पर्यवेक्षकों, तकनीशियनों आदि के स्वीकृत पदों की संख्या 121 है । इनमें से 108 पद भरे जा चुके हैं । केवल 13 की कमी है ।

### Construction of Auto Exchange at Sambalpur

3319. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION be pleased to state :

(a) the reasons for delay in inviting tenders for construction of autoexchange at Sambalpur even after making Budget provision for the same ; and

(b) when the construction work is likely to commence and what is the target date fixed for completion of construction of auto-exchange at Sambalpur ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KARTIK ORAON) : (a) There is no abnormal delay in issue of N.I.T. although minor delay has occurred in finalising the working drawings.

(b) The construction work is likely to commence in December, 1981 and will be completed in about 18 months time.