

Travancore Ltd., (FACT) upto the 31st March, 1981 is Rs. 125.46 crores. Besides, Govt. have also invested money as loan in FACT for financing the various projects and for meeting revenue deficits. The outstanding loan as on 31st March, 1981 was Rs. 74.88 crores.

(b) The nature of the investment in FACT is as follows :—

Subject	Rs.
(i) Equity share capital of the Govt. of India	122.00 crores

(ii) Equity share holding by the State Government and private persons. 3.46 crores

The money has been invested in land, buildings and roads, plant and machinery, and other facilities required for operating the fertilizer plants.

(c) The production performance of the factories at Cochin and Udyogamandal of FACT are as follows :—

(in 000 MT)

	Annual capacity	1980-81 Production.	% Capacity utilization	April—June, 1981 Production.	% capacity utilization
<i>Udyogamandal</i>					
Nitrogen	82.0	42.0	51.2	6.3	30.7
Phosphate (P 205)	44.0	21.3	48.4	2.7	24.5
<i>Cochin I</i>					
Nitrogen	152.0	113.2	74.5	8.3	21.8
<i>Cochin H</i>					
Nitrogen	40.00	15.1	37.7	1.3	13.0
Phosphate (P 205)	114.0	49.5	34.4	3.6	12.6

(d) FACT made a net profit of Rs. 65 lakhs during the year 1979-80 as against a net loss of Rs. 554 lakhs in the year 1978-79. During the year 1980-81, the profit has been indicated as Rs. 160 lakhs (provisional). The Cochin Division had earned profit whereas the Udyogamandala Division had sustained a loss.

Number of Petro-Chemical Project

3380. SHRI A. NEELALOHITHA-DASAN NADAR : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) how many petro-chemical projects are at present working in India, their State-wise list and the details of energy produced by them ;

(b) how many proposals of petro-chemical projects are pending before Government of India for their clearance, State-wise lists and the details of the projects; and

(c) when Government are expected to give them clearance, state in detail ?

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

(b) and (c). Details of pending applications are not published until a decision on them is taken.

Power Plants Complain of Shortage of Coal

3381. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) how many power plants have complained of the shortage of coal during the last three years;

(b) what are the number of wagons that have been received by the power plants every month during the last three years;

(c) how for these wagons were short of the monthly requirements;

(d) what action has been taken to move this shortage; and

(e) what are the reasons given by the Department of coal regarding stagnang supply of coal wagons to the power sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN):

(a) Except six power stations, the remaining coal based Thermal Power Stations have complained of the shortage of coal at one time or other during the last three years. But at present the position has much improved.

(b) and (c). A statement showing the average number of wagons required, number of wagons received and shortfall in receipt of wagons, per month, by the thermal power stations during the last three years, namely 1978-79, 1979-80 and 1980-81 is enclosed as Annexure-I.

(d) A number of steps have been taken to remove the shortage of wagons supplied to power stations. These steps include:—

(i) Railways have been asked to step up supply of wagons for movement of coal to thermal power stations.

(ii) Close liaison is being maintained by the Department of Power, Central Electricity Authority and Ministry of Railways for monitoring movement of coal by rail to thermal power stations. High level interministerial meetings are also held periodically to review supply of wagons to power stations and close monitoring is maintained.

(iii) Power Stations have been advised to reduce the avoidable hold up of wagons by them so that turn round time of wagons is reduced with consequent increase in availability of wagons.

(iv) Coal supply Companies have also been advised not to supply over sized coal to thermal power stations which has a direct bearing on the expeditious release of wagons by the power houses. The defaulting collieries supplying bigger size of coal are identified and remedial action taken.

(e) One of the main reason for short supply of coal wagons has been the constraint of the non-availability of wagons for transportation of coal to thermal power stations to match the increased requirement of coal due to the increase in thermal generation.

Statement

Statement showing the average number of wagons received per month by the Thermal Power Station, during the period 1978-79 to 1980-81

Year	Receipt	% Short-fall
	(Average Number of Wagons per month)	
1978-79	73,117	33%
1979-80	83,897	29%
1980-81	93,595	29%

Identification of potential areas in drugs by Large Industrial houses

3382. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL. Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some large industrial houses are now identifying potential areas in drugs; if so, who are they and for which areas they have been earmarked or have asked for licences;

(b) whether Government have decided to resort to this steps on account of poor performance of the public sector companies and

(c) if so, what positive steps Government have taken not only to improve the performance of these Undertakings but also to expand their production capacity by licensing new items?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. Some large industrial houses who are not now in the field of manufacture of drugs, have applied for the issue of Industrial Licences to manufacture drugs and pharmaceuticals. Details in this regard are given in the Annexure.

(b) and (c). No Sir. The total production in the four Public Sector Undertakings viz. Indian Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Limited, Hindustan Antibiotics Limited, Smith Stanistreet Pharmaceuticals Limited and Bengal Chemical & Pharmaceutical Works Limited has been as follows:

	Rs. crores
1978-79	87.75
1979-80	104.96
1980-81	120.87