

**Decline in the introduction of new drugs**

4277. SHRI RATANSINH RAJDA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that drug consumption in the World has risen by 9 per cent during the last year as compared to the previous year;

(b) whether it is also a fact that introduction of new drugs in the country has declined considerably during the recent period; and

(c) if so, reasons thereof and what steps, if any, Government propose to take to ensure flow of new drugs in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) No data is readily available on this point.

(b) During the last four years Drug Controller (India) approved a number of new drugs for being introduced in this country as given below:—

No. of new  
drugs approved.

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| 1977-78 | 11 |
| 1978-79 | 19 |
| 1979-80 | 14 |
| 1980-81 | 13 |

Except for the year 1978-79 the number of new drugs approved each year has remained practically constant.

(c) Does not arise.

**Additional quota of Kerosene to Kerala for Motorisation of country boats**

4278. SHRIMATI SUSEELA GOPALAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

be pleased to state:

(a) whether he has received request from Government of Kerala for additional quota of kerosene to the tune of 500 kilo litres for meeting the requirement of the Kerala Fishermen's Welfare Corporation in connection with their programme of motorisation of country boats; and

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

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

(b) An ad hoc increase in the allocation by 500 kilo litres per month has already been approved for the months of August and September, 1981.

**New Broadcasting Station**

4279. SHRI XAVIER ARAKAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) does Government propose to instal new Broadcasting stations; if so, details thereof;

(b) has Government discontinued any broadcasting stations; if so, details; and

(c) has Government received any representation from any authority or civil body or association to instal a broadcasting station at Cochin?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) The details of the proposals included in the approved Sixth Plan are given in the enclosed statement.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Yes Sir. Due to constraints on financial resources, it has, however, not been possible to provide a Radio Station at Cochin in the Sixth Plan.