

compelled to take up production of high technology bulk drugs only. They can apply for import of technology for manufacture of bulk drugs like other Indian companies.

(d) There are already a number of drug companies with foreign equity of 40% or below. It is premature to venture an opinion whether addition of six more companies will affect the development of Indian companies with no foreign holdings.

Swedish Help for Development of Energy

2689. SHRI H.N. NANJE GOWDA :
SHRI HARINATHA MISRA :
SHRI B.V. DESAI :
SHRI TARIQ ANWAR :

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Swedish Prime Minister during his recent visit offered to help our country's technology for the development of energy in our country ;

(b) if so, which spheres of energy development will get Swedish help for development ;

(c) whether a suggestion has also been made to initiate North-South dialogue on this subject and if so, what steps have been taken in this regard ; and

(d) whether Sweden had offered to give positive consideration to Indian request for concessionary export credit for energy projects ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN) : (a) and (b). In the discussions held in connection with the visit of the Swedish Prime Minister to India, the idea of closer cooperation in the field of energy was stressed. There was

room for cooperation in the areas relating to hydro and thermal power generation, transmission, energy conservation and new and renewable sources of energy. The possibilities of collaboration in these areas for the mutual benefit of the two countries would be pursued.

(c) A thorough exchange of views took place inter-alia, on the need to launch the North-South dialogue especially in the areas of energy, food and financial flows.

(d) Yes, Sir. The Swedish Prime Minister offered to consider concessionary export credit to finance parts of energy projects in India.

भाषा विशेषज्ञों की नियुक्ति

2690. श्री विगम्बर सिंह :

श्री टी० एस० नेगी :

क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का विचार पवंतीय बोलियों के विकास के लिये नजीबाबाद और लखनऊ केन्द्रों में वरिष्ठ प्रोड्यूसरों को नियुक्त करने का है ;

(ख) क्या सरकार का विचार विभिन्न केन्द्रों पर न्यूज रीडरों के ग्रेड अर्थात् 1100-1600 रुपये के समान ग्रेड में भाषा विशेषज्ञों की नियुक्ति पर विचार करने का है ताकि कार्यक्रमों का स्तर बढ़ाया जा सके; और

(ग) विशेषज्ञों और प्रोड्यूसरों की पदोन्नति के लिये क्या प्रावधान है और विभिन्न भाषाओं के विशेषज्ञों की पदोन्नति करने के लिये क्या मानदण्ड अपनाया गया है ?