

companies, the number of formulations produced by them is over 15,000.

(b) According to their price lists, Public Sector Drug Companies are marketing 421 formulations. The total value of formulations produced in the country during, 1982-83 has been estimated to be about Rs. 1600 crores. The share of public sector drug companies, in terms of value is of the order of 7.0%.

Loan Licences Granted to Foreign Drug Companies

2693. SHRI R. P. DAS : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether in contravention of the recommendation of the Hathi Committee fresh loan licences have been granted in favour of foreign drug companies;

(b) if so, the number of such loan licences; and

(c) the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICAL AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VASANT SATHE) :

(a) to (c) The Drug Policy of 1978 *inter-alia*, provides that no foreign companies will be given loan licences for operating in the drug field. With a view to ensure implementation of the policy in this regard, a circular letter has also been issued to all the Drug Controllers. However, only in respect of two foreign drug companies, certain adhoc approvals were granted for loan licence in view of the need to meet urgent export orders in hand.

Fertilizer units identified for poor capacity utilization

2694. SHRI R. P. DAS : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) the fertilizer units which are still in the red;

(b) the steps taken to bring back those to normalcy;

(c) the units which have particularly been identified for poor capacity utilization;

(d) the reason thereof;

(e) whether those units have been warned for poor show in view of large expansion of subsidies to fertilizer industry; and

(f) if so, the reaction of Government thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) Fertilizers Corporation of India, Hindustan Fertilizers Corporation and Fertilizers and Chemicals Travancore Limited are the three public sector companies running in losses.

(b) to (f) Low capacity utilisation is the major factor responsible for losses incurred in the various units owned by these three fertilizer companies. The units particularly having low capacity utilisation are : —

- i. Fertilizer Corporation of India (Sindri Rationalisation, Talcher, Ranagundam and Gorakhpur);
- ii. Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation (Namrup, Barauni and Durgapur);
- iii. Fertilizers and Chemicals Travancore Limited (Udyogamandal and Cochin-II).

The low capacity utilisation in these plants is, in turn, a result of a variety of factors like ageing plants and equipments, unstable power supply, equipment deficiencies and other imbalances in the plants, etc. The problems of these units have been fully identified and remedial measures such as renovation/debottlenecking, installation of captive power facilities, etc. have either been initiated or planned wherever considered necessary. These measures, when implemented, are expected to bring about appreciable improvements in the performance of the plants.

Production in all the fertilizer plants including those having low capacity utilisation is monitored on a continuous basis and remedial measures to remove occasional bottlenecks in production are also taken on a continuous basis.

The scheme of retention price and subsidy on fertilizers allows for a reasonable return provided that the manufacturers operate at stipulated level of efficiency. It has a built-in incentive for the manufacturers who operate at a very high level of efficiency and punishment for those who are unable to reach a satisfactory level of operation.

The subsidy under the retention price scheme is neither affected by the operating results of a fertilizer factory nor is it meant to cover up the losses of the units operating at low levels.

मेरठ में उर्वरक कारखाना लगाया जाना

2695. श्री जैनुल बशर : क्या रसायन और उर्वरक मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) उत्तर प्रदेश में प्रस्तावित उर्वरक कारखानों में काम आरम्भ किए जाने के संबंध में क्या प्रगति हुई है ;

(ख) वर्ष 1984-85 के दौरान किन-किन स्थानों पर इन कारखानों को स्थापना से सम्बन्धित कार्य आरम्भ किया जायेगा ; और,

(ग) क्या मेरठ में पांचवें उर्वरक कारखाने की स्थापना से सम्बन्धित मामला भी विचाराधीन है ?

रसायन और उर्वरक मन्त्री (श्री बसन्त साठे) : (क) मैसर्स प्रदेशीय इन्डस्ट्रीयल एण्ड इन्वेस्टमेंट कार्पोरेशन आफ यू० पी० लि० (पी० आई० सी० यू० पी०) को जगदीशपुर, जिला सुल्तानपुर, उत्तर प्रदेश में गैस पर आधारित एक उर्वरक परियोजना की स्थापना करने के लिए एक आशय पत्र जारी किया गया है। आशय पत्र जारी करने के लिए मैसर्स इन्डियन फार्मर्स फर्टिलाइजर्स कोआपरेटिव लि०, (इफको), मैसर्स जुआरी एग्री केमिकल्स लि०, मै० श्रीराम फर्टिलाइजर्स लि० और मैसर्स टाटा कैमिकल्स लि० के आवेदन पत्रों पर कार्यवाही की जा रही है।

(ख) 1.4.84 के पश्चात् अगले 12 महीनों के दौरान यह आशा है कि उत्तर प्रदेश में स्थापित किए जाने वाले प्रस्तावित संयंत्रों में से आंबला और जगदीशपुर में परियोजना कार्य प्रारम्भ हो जाएगा।

(ग) जी, नहीं।

Installation of Electronic Telephone Exchange at Ghajipur, U. P.

2696. SHRI ZAINUL BASHER : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state when the work is expected to be started for the installation of electronic telephone exchange at Ghajipur in U. P. which is proposed to be completed within the Sixth Five Year Plan ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VIJAY N. PATIL) : Global Tenders for procurement of containerised electronic telephone exchange equipment is under evaluation. Ghajipur is one of the selected stations for the installation of this type of exchange. The installation would start soon after the receipt of equipment at site, for which orders are expected to be placed during 1984-85.

Unemployed Medical and Engineering Graduates in the Country

2697. SHRI AMAR SINGH RATHAWA : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of unemployed medical and engineering graduates who have enrolled their names in the employment exchange of various States and Union Territories as on 31st December 1983; and

(b) the specific schemes proposed to be introduced in the country to provide them early employment ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI DHARMAVIR) : (a) Relevant information is contained in the statement enclosed.

(b) The Sixth Plan contains a number of programmes in the field of agriculture, dairy development, fisheries, forestry, irrigation and power, small and large scale industries and health, which are opening employment avenues for the educated persons (including medical graduates and post-graduates). It aims at a high rate of growth of industrial development which is associated with high level absorption of Scientific and Technical personnel. The emphasis of ocean development, desert development and environment, control and development of alter-