Written Answers

जैसे औषध-द्रव्यों का गैर-कानूनी मूल्य उनकी शुद्रता, विक्री के स्थान वादि जैसे विभिन्न पहलुवों पर निर्फर करता है, इसलिए अभिगृहीत औषध-द्रव्य का कोई ठीक-ठीक मूल्य नहीं दिया जा सकता।

इस सम्बन्ध में बम्बई के दो व्यक्तियों को वर्षांत् श्री अली रजा और श्री केलत के॰ पवार को विरफ्तार किया गया है। इस मामले में किसी और व्यक्ति के बन्तर्थस्त होने की सूचना नहीं मिसी है। गोवा, दमन और दीव उत्पादन सुस्क वर्षिनियम, 1964 के तहत मामले न्यायालय में दायर किए गए हैं।

India's Trade with USSR

2973. SHRI B.V. DESAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state 1

(a) whether India is ahead of industrialised countries, such as USA, UK and Canada in trade in terms of volume with the Soviet Union;

(b) if so, whether USSR is a major trading partner of India;

(c) whether over 50 per cent of India's imports of kerosene and diesel fuel comes from the Soviet Union ;

(d) if so, whether Soviet Union is the only country in East Europe which has bonoured commitments in terms of annual trade plans signed between the two countries;

(c) if so, whether in 1983 USSR had reduced considerably its purchases of certain agriculture items;

(f) if so, the main reasons therefor ;

(g) whether India's trade with USA, U.K. and Canada is on a very low scale as compared to USSR and communist countries; and

(b) if so, the main reasons for the

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR) : (a) and (b). In 1982-83, USSR was the biggest trading partner of India with a trade turnover of Rs. 3071.74 crores. Since statistics about the Soviet Union's trade with USA, Britain and Canada are not available, no comparison of Indo-Soviet trade with the trade turnover of Soviet Union with these industrialised countries can be drawn.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The annual trade plans with the rupse payment countries of East Europe are only indicative in nature but both the trading partners make all possible efforts to honour commitments made in the Trade Plans. The implementation of India's Trade Plans with the USSR has, however, been much higher as compared to the other countries.

(e) and (f). There was some decline in the purchase of certain agricultural items by USSR from India in 1983 on account of shortage of rupee funds in favour of the USSR.

(g) and (h). India's trade with the Soviet Union is much larger than her trade with USA, Britain and Canada, individually. The main reason for this is that a bulk of our imports from the Soviet Union comprise of crude oil and petrolcum products and also because of the Soviet Union having offered as a good market for our agricultural products, textiles, chemical items and engineering goods.

Involvement of Banks in Integrated Rural Development Projects

2974. SHRI B.V. DESAI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether he has urged upon the banks to involve themselves more in projects like the Integrated Rural Development Project so that meaningful assistance could be reached to widest sections of population;

(b) if so, whether ithe banks have not