

been given orders for supply of substantial quantities of insulators ;

(c) if so, the details regarding the parties which had received such orders but could not execute the work even after two years of receiving the orders ; and

(d) the reasons thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VIJAY N. PATIL) : (a) Procurement is decided on the basis of competitive tenders called by the Department. Quantities are decided according to the rates quoted by the successful tenderers. Their performance in supplying the item in the past is also a criterion in deciding the quantity.

(b) No, Sir,

(c) All the parties on whom bulk orders were placed in July, 1982 (i.e. two years back) have mostly completed the supplies.

(d) The question does not arise in view of (c) above.

#### Investment made on R & D by Drug Companies

3379. SHRI K. PRADHANI :  
DR. PRATAP WAGH :

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that drug companies in the private and multi-national sectors are not keen to spend on research and development (R & D) of essential drugs as compared to public sector enterprises, while the former are always clamouring for a rise in prices of their products and paying fantastic pay and perks to their executives—Sales and others ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that little efforts are being made in the drug industry to conduct basic research for development of new drugs ; and

(c) if so, the action Government propose to take to prevail upon the private sector drug multinational companies to step up their R & D programmes in order to reduce the cost of the drugs instead of producing essential drugs from the intermediate or penultimate stages only ?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) to (c) Pharmaceutical companies in various sectors of drug industry are engaged in Research and Development activity. Their Research and Development work primarily pertains to research on new drugs, import substitution, process development etc. As per records of the Department of Science and Technology, Research and Development expenditure of these companies is furnished in the statement laid on the Table of the House, (Placed in Library, See No. LT 8594/84).

#### Programmes Launched by Central Board of Workers Education During 1983-84 and 1984-85 in Orissa

3380. SHRI K. PRADHANI : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) the particulars of the various programmes launched by the Central Board for Workers Education during 1983-84 and 1984-85 (uptil 30-6-1984) for training, of Scheduled Tribes in Orissa viz. Workers Teachers Training, Workers Training, Short-Term Special Training Programmes, Rural Workers Education Programmes, and Programmes, for Small Scale/Unorganised workers at various levels ;

(b) the number of workers thus imparted training during the above period ; and

(c) various programmes which are in hand and the number of Scheduled Tribes to be trained under these programmes during the remaining period of the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI DHARMAVIR) : (a) The programmes conducted by the Central Board for Workers Education are common for all workers irrespective of caste and tribe. During 1983-84 and 1984-85 (uptil 30.6.84) the following programmes were launched by the Central Board for Workers Education in Orissa for Workers, including Scheduled Tribes :

- (1) Worker Teacher Training Courses (3 months)
- (2) Unit level classes
- (3) Short-Term Training Programmes
- (4) Functional Adult Literacy Classes
- (5) Rural Workers Education
  - (i) 5-day Camps
  - (ii) 2-day Camps
- (6) Unorganised Sector-5-day Camps
- (7) Joint Seminars for Representatives of Workers and Employers.

(b) The number of Scheduled Tribes Workers imparted training under the various programmes during 1983-84 and 1984-85 (upto June, 1984) are as under :

	1983-84	1984-85
i) Functional Adult Literacy Classes :	197	Figures are not available as these are compiled on yearly basis.

ii) Rural Workers Education

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| (a) 5-day Camps | 1319 |
| (b) 2-day Camps | 18   |

iii) Unorganised Sector  
5-day camps 262

iv) Joint Seminars for 11  
representatives of  
Workers and Employers.

Figures for Scheduled Tribes under categories 1 to 3 above viz. Worker Teachers Training courses ; Unit Level Classes and Short Term Training Programmes are not tabulated separately.

(c) All the programmes referred to in reply to Part (a) of the Question will continue during the remaining period of the year. Separate targets for Scheduled Tribes are not fixed.

Setting up of a Plastics Processing Unit in Koraput, Bihar

3381. SHRI K. PRADHANI : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether, while inaugurating the 25th All India Plastics Manufacturers Conference in Bombay on the 20th July, 1984, he called upon the plastics industry to join the national endeavour for economic development of backward areas by setting up processing units there ;

(b) whether he will consider the desirability of setting up of such a Unit in the backward tribal area of Orissa like Koraput or nearabout ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PETROLEUM IN