

date, there are 55 career and 16 non-career Heads of Missions accredited to one or more countries. The 16 non-career Heads of Missions include non-officials, non-IFS Officers and retired officers.

(b) Year	No. of career diplomats	No. of non-career diplomats
1967	50	16
1968	58	17
1969	58	17
1970	59	15

पाकिस्तान को विरोध-पत्र

1445. श्री ओंकार बेरबा : क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पहली जनवरी, 1969 से भारत सरकार ने पाकिस्तान सरकार को कुल कितने विरोध-पत्र भेजे हैं ; और

(ख) उनमें से सरकार को कितने विरोध-पत्रों के उत्तर प्राप्त हो गये हैं ?

विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुरेन्द्रपाल सिंह) : (क) 195

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Production of antibiotics by I. D. P. L. at Rishikesh Plant

1446. SHRI D. D. DESAI : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state :

(a) the total value of antibiotics produced by the Rishikesh Plant of the Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Limited ;

(b) whether the capacity of the tetracycline group of antibiotics was fixed at 120 tonnes when the actual consumption was 10 tonnes per year ; and

(c) the reasons for raising the capacity of manufacturing of 70 tonnes of Chlorotetracycline when doctors in India no longer prescribe this antibiotic ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI P. C. SETHI) : (a) The total value of antibiotics produced at Rishikesh Plant of the Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Ltd. during 1970-71, was of the order of Rs. 558.90 lakhs.

(b) The detailed project report envisaged a total capacity of 120 tonnes of the tetracycline group of antibiotics but the actual capacity created is only 76.5 tonnes per annum including 26.5 tonnes of chlorotetracycline. The present demand in the country for tetracycline Hcl is of the order of 90 tonnes.

(c) The capacity for chlorotetracycline actually created in the plant is only 26.5 tonnes. In view of the lack of adequate demand for this item various proposals for alternative use of the capacity are under consideration.

Financial aid for expansion of hospitals in West Bengal

1447. SHRI SUBHODH HANSDA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether West Bengal Government have asked for any financial help for expansion of Hospital as well as for supply of sufficient medicines ; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS & HOUSING, AND HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI UMA SHANKAR DIKSHIT) : (a) and (b) The Government of West Bengal have recently requested for additional funds for establishment of 100 clinics under the Calcutta Metropolitan Development Authority. For this purpose they have requested the Health Ministry to take up the matter with the Planning Commission for increasing the Plan provision for Health for West Bengal by Rs. 231 lakhs. At present the approved outlay for the Health Sector in the State Plan is Rs. 1,563 lakhs. This proposal is under consideration of the Central Government.

Further in connection with the relief work for refugees from East Bengal, the Government of West Bengal have forwarded a scheme for medical care and health relief measures inclu-

ding water supply and sanitation. The Ministry of Rehabilitation have now approved the scheme subject to technical details being cleared.

In so far as the supply of medical stores is concerned, supplies are being made to the Government of West Bengal, as also to the other States where refugees have come, to meet their requirements.

Survey for Oil in West Bengal

1448. SHRI SUBHOD HANSDA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether search for natural oil in West Bengal has been abandoned ;

(b) if not, the areas selected for surveying and the stage at which the survey result stands ; and

(c) whether any drilling will be made on the basis of the survey results ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI P. C. SETHI) :

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Seismic surveys have so far been concentrated in areas south-west to south-east of Calcutta, covering Tamluk-Haldia, Budge Budge-Diamond Harbour, Bodra-Port Canning and Barasat areas. These are areas where prospects of finding oil are considered particularly favourable. These areas have been covered by semi-detailed seismic reflection surveys, with detailed seismic surveys in Chaitanyapur-Haldia, Budge Budge-Bawali, Bodra and Barasat areas, using analogue magnetic recording instruments. During the field seasons 1970-71, two parties have been working in and around Bodra area with digital seismic-units.

(c) Drilling will be undertaken if these digital seismic surveys indicate the presence of favourable structures for oil/gas accumulations.

Retrenchment of Naval Employees

1449. SHRI A. K. GOPALAN : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a number of employees in

the Naval Bakery, Naval Base, Cochin have been retrenched from the service ;

(b) if so, the total number of employees retrenched ;

(c) the reasons for the said retrenchment ; and

(d) the steps taken to absorb them in some alternative posts ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JAGJIWAN RAM) : (a) to (c) As the bakery at Cochin has been closed down, 15 employees have been retrenched.

(d) Efforts are being made to offer alternative appointments to the affected individuals.

Formation of Joint Committee of Government and Drug Industry Representatives to study the Impact of Drug (Prices Control) Order, 1970

1450. SHRI TEJA SINGH SWATANTRA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the drug industry has suggested the formation of a joint committee of Government and industry representatives to study the effects of Drug (Prices Control) Order, 1970 and its implementation ; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI P. C. SETHI) : (a) and (b) A suggestion that a Joint Committee be set up to study the effects of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order 1970 was made in the speech of the Chairman, Reception Committee at the 6th All India Drugs and Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Conference held in Bombay on the 2nd May, 1971. The then Minister in charge of Petroleum and Chemicals (Shri D. R. Chavan) who inaugurated the meeting pointed out that the drugs industry and the trade have been consulted from time to time regarding the working of the Drug (Prices Control) Order 1970 and that the practice would be continued. He added that in the circumstances, the setting up of a formal committee of the kind proposed was not considered necessary, by Government.