

Number of Officers holding Recognised Degree in Engineering in Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Limited

7248. SHRI K. C. PANDEY : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of officers drawing salary of 500/- p. m. and above in Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Limited and out of which number of officers holding recognised Degree in Engineering; and

(b) whether services of confirmed Engineers can be terminated without assigning reasons in Government Undertakings ?

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

(a) 335. Of these 119 hold degrees in engineering.

(b) The services of confirmed officers can be terminated only in accordance with the terms and conditions of their appointments and the service conditions of the respective undertakings.

Discussion on Harmful Effects of D.D.T.

7249. SHRI K.C. PANDEY : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether as a result of extensive research in several foreign countries, the use of DDT and other insecticides is forbidden being harmful;

(b) whether a discussion among experts was held in Delhi in this connection; and

(c) the views of the experts and Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING AND HEALTH AND

FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI UMA SHANKAR DIKSHIT) : (a) Yes. As a result of extensive research on DDT, some foreign countries including U.S.A., Sweden, Norway and U.K. have recently restricted the use of DDT.

(b) A meeting of experts was held in Delhi on the 4th November, 1970.

(c) The concensus of opinion among the experts was that in developing countries such as India with some important insect-borne diseases still prevalent, such as malaria, DDT should continue to be used, as it was the most effective, least expensive and relatively safe insecticide available.

Development of Synthetic Fibre and Synthetic Rubber Industry

7250. SHRI K.C. PANDEY : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether lack of indigenous availabilities of raw material for synthetic fibres and synthetic rubber, the development in the concerned fields impedes, resulting in large quantity of import;

(b) whether though proper emphasis has been laid down in the Third and Fourth Five Year Plans for boosting the development of this industry, no appreciable progress has yet been made; and

(c) the efforts proposed to be taken in this regard.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) :

(a) to (c). Production has risen from approximately 10,000 tonnes of non-cellulosic Synthetic Fibres and 25,000 tonnes of Synthetic Rubber in 1968 to 16,000 tonnes of non-cellulosic Synthetic Fibres and 30,000 tonnes of Synthetic Rubber in 1970.