

(ग) औद्योगिक लागत तथा मूल्य ब्यूरो एक सरकारी संस्था है जिसमें नियमित कर्मचारी वर्ग है। इस ब्यूरो को भारत सरकार के विभिन्न मंत्रालयों/विभागों द्वारा समय समय पर लागत जांच के संबंध में अनेक अध्ययन करने का कार्य सौंपा जाता है और ब्यूरो किन्हीं विशेष अध्ययनों पर हुये व्यय के बारे में कोई अलग हिसाब-किताब नहीं रखता। तथापि, ब्यूरो के बारे में वर्ष 1970-71, 1971-72 तथा 1972-73 के लिये वज्रट अनुदानों के व्यौरे इस प्रकार थे:—

1970-71	6.96 लाख रुपये
1971-72	12.71 लाख रुपये
1972-73	13.97 लाख रुपये

Impact of shortage of raw materials for pharmaceutical industry

6092. SHRI K. MALLANNA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the present critical shortage and spiralling cost of indigenous and imported raw materials, packing materials, services and utilities and policy constraints on expansion of capacity and production would adversely affect the prospects for reaching the targets envisaged for the pharmaceutical industry in the Fifth Five Year Plan;

(b) whether Government are aware that the critical raw material position had been further aggravated by the oil crisis and shortages were already in evidence and the industry had drawn the attention of Government in this regard; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN): (a) to (c). The oil crisis has adversely affected the availability and prices of raw materials in the world market. The availability of raw materials, both indigenous and imported and packing materials required for the drug industry is however being kept under watch and is also periodically reviewed with the representatives of the industry. Corrective measures, wherever indicated are being taken to the extent possible. Under the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1970 the drugs and pharmaceutical units can apply for increases in the prices of drugs on account of increases in the input costs. Such applications are considered by the BICP. The impact of shortages and high costs of raw materials on the targets fixed under the Fifth Five Year Plan will be kept under watch.

Closure of Chemicals and Fibres of India Limited for want of raw material

6093. SHRI S. A. MURUGANANTHAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Chemicals and Fibres of India Limited has been shut down for want of raw materials, throwing about 900 employees out of employment;

(b) whether Government have allowed them to import raw materials against export; and

(c) if not, the reasons for not giving licence for the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN): (a) M/s. Chemicals & Fibres of India Ltd. have closed down their polyester fibre unit for want of raw materials. No employee has, however, been retrenched or laid off.