

नर्मदा नदी में बाढ़ आने के कारण कपास तथा गन्ने की पौध को हानि

8653. श्री गंगा चरण दीक्षित : क्या सिंचाई और विद्युत मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या नर्मदा नदी में आई बाढ़ के कारण कपास तथा गन्ने की पौध को हानि हुई है ; और

(ख) इस बारे में केन्द्रीय सरकार का विचार क्या कार्यवाही करने का है ?

सिंचाई और विद्युत मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री सिद्धेश्वर प्रसाद) : (क) और (ख). बाढ़ स्थिति पर रिपोर्ट में अथवा 1973 में नर्मदा नदी द्वारा बाढ़ हानियों पर गुजरात तथा मध्य प्रदेश की राज्य सरकारों द्वारा केन्द्रीय दल को दिये गये ज्ञापन में कपास और गन्ने की पौध को हानि का कोई जिक्र नहीं है ।

Meetings of the Shortages Committee

8654. SHRI BHALJIBHAI PARMAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of meetings held of the Shortages Committee during the last one year;

(b) the persons invited to the meetings of this Committee and the broad features of the discussions held; and

(c) whether Government will lay a copy of the minutes of this Committee on the Table of the House?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN): (a) to (c). No "Shortages Committee" has been set up by Government. Availability of raw materials, canalised bulk drugs and drugs intermediates, packing materials, formulations etc. are periodical-

ly reviewed and discussed with the representatives of the industry, S.T.C., various concerned organisations of the Government viz., D.G.T.D. D.G.H.S., Ministry of Agriculture etc., and appropriate action taken wherever called for.

Activities of Multi-National Drugs firms affecting Indian Pharmaceutical Industry

8655. SHRI BHALJIBHAI PARMAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Pharmaceutical industry has been totally curbed by the activities of multi-national drug manufacturing firms in our country; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to restrict their activities and to encourage the Indian pharmaceutical industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The following steps are taken to encourage the Indian sector of the drug industry:—

(i) The Indian sector of the industry is given preference in approval of manufacturing schemes;

(ii) Manufacture of increasing number of bulk drugs through public sector undertakings;

(iii) Industrial licences are usually not issued to foreign firms for producing formulations unless linked with the production of bulk drugs;

(iv) They are asked to take up production of bulk drugs from more basic stages and to make available a suitable portion of their bulk drugs production