

Shifting of Head Office of Hindustan Latex Ltd.

4236. SHRI RAMAVATAR SHASTRI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether cost of transport of finished product of Hindustan Latex Ltd. is ten times the cost of transport of raw latex and whether for this and other reasons two experienced members of Board of Directors of the Company strongly recommended dispersal of future Nirodh factories and vehemently opposed shifting its Head Office from Delhi; and

(b) whether, instead of paying heed to their sound recommendation, Government have dropped only those two members while reconstituting the Board of Directors?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI A. K. M. ISHAQUE): (a) No. The Government is already considering to disperse the new Nirodh factories at different places on regional-cum-techno-economic grounds. As regards shifting of Head Office of Hindustan Latex Ltd., it was done strictly in accordance with the general policy of Government of India.

(b) No. It is not correct.

Advertising Asthama Cure by St. George's Homoeopathic Clinic and Pharmacy of Mangalore

4237. SHRI RAM SEWAK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) how the "Asthama Cure" a powerful remedy consisting of seven constituents, advertised so widely by St. George's Homoeopathic Clinic and Pharmacy, of Kankandy P.O. Mangalore can be classified as Homoeopathic Medicine;

(b) if not, how the Pharmacy is being allowed to advertise the medicine as Homoeopathic so freely; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to prevent such abuse of the science of Homoeopathy?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI A. K. M. ISHAQUE): (a) In the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules 1945 under the definition of Homoeopathic medicine, combination of Homoeopathic medicines is also covered. As such 'Asthama Cure' manufactured by the St. George's Homoeopathic Clinic and Pharmacy of Kankandy, Mangalore can be classified as a Homoeopathic medicine.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Statement made by Pakistan Prime Minister Re: Increase in Pakistan Defence Activities

4238. SHRIMATI SAVITRI SHYAM: SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the recent Newspaper's report of Delhi-daily dated the 20th November, 1974 in which the Prime Minister of Pakistan Shri Bhutto has stated that Pakistan has to increase her defence activities;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Indian Government thereto; and

(c) whether keeping in view of the repeated threat of Pakistan, the Indian Government will increase her defence resources?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SWARAN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). All related developments in Pakistan bearing on our security are taken into consideration while reviewing our defence measures.