

Reducing Prices of Drugs by curtailing Propaganda and Packaging Costs

4 SHRI MOHINDER SINGH GILL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the prices of drugs can be immediately reduced by 25 per cent as 35 per cent of the cost of the drugs produced by multinational interests go towards propaganda and packaging,

(b) if so, whether some steps are proposed to be taken in this regard;

(c) whether the national convention of economic independence and perspective of drug industry has recommended the nationalisation of the industry taking into consideration such tendencies in the private sector; and

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI K. R. GANESH):

(a) and (b). Government of India have set up a Committee on Drugs and Pharmaceutical Industry under the Chairmanship of Shri Jaisukhlal Hathi, whose terms of reference, *inter alia*, includes.

"To examine the measures taken so far to reduce the prices of drugs for the consumer and to recommend such further measures as may be necessary to rationalise the prices of basic drugs and formulations"

The Committee is expected to submit its report in April, 1975. Such action as is necessary, will be taken by Government in the light of the recommendations of the Committee.

(c) The convention has recommended immediate nationalisation of all units of the pharmaceuticals and drugs

industry with foreign equity participation.

(d) All the declaration and document sent by the convention are under consideration of Government.

जनवरी, 1973 से जनवरी, 1974 तक की अवधि में मध्य रेलवे में डकैतियां

5. श्री गंगा चरण दीक्षित : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) जनवरी, 1973 से जनवरी, 1974 के दौरान मध्य रेलवे में रेल-गाड़ियों में डकैतियां हुई हैं ,

(ख) इस सम्बन्ध में अब तक कितने व्यक्ति गिरफ्तार किये गये हैं; और

(ग) ऐसी घटनाओं को रोकने के लिए क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

रेल मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री बूटासिंह) :

(क) 3

(ख) 12

(ग) भेद्य खण्डों पर पहरेदारों की तैनाती और अपराधियों के ऊपर निगरानी रखने के अतिरिक्त सवारी गाड़ियों को पुलिस की अभिरक्षा में चलाया जाता है। चूने हुए स्टेशनों पर जब गाड़ियां खड़ी रहती हैं, पुलिस द्वारा यात्रियों की सुरक्षा के लिए प्लेटफार्मों के गश्न की व्यवस्था की गई है।

Revised Schedule for Conversion of Ernakulam Trivandrum line into Broad Gauge

6. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have further revised the time schedule for the