

(c) Details of industrial licences granted and the applications rejected during the last three years upto Dec., 1974 are given in the attached statement. No permission/objection letter was granted to these companies during the said period.

(d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Completion of Barauni Fertiliser Project

3847 DR. H P. SHARMA Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Barauni Fertiliser Project has been completed and commissioned;

(b) if so, when and the total cost involved therein and how does it compare with the original estimated cost of the project; and

(c) what level of production has been reached at this project and by what time it would start capacity production?

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

(a) and (b). The project is mechanically complete and is expected to be commissioned shortly, testing and pre-commissioning operations are presently in progress.

The present estimated cost of the project is of the order of Rs. 68.84 crores, as against the original cost of Rs. 35.14 crores.

(c) The project would produce about 1,50,000 tonnes of urea in the first year of operation and take about 3 years to reach the normal levels of production.

National Convention on Drug Industry

3848. SHRI RAGHUNANDAN LAL BHATIA:

SHRI SHRIKISHAN MODI:

SHRI P. GANGADEB:

SHRI D. D. DESAI:

SHRI N. E. HORO:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a National convention on Economic Independence and Perspective of Drug Industry held in New Delhi in December, 1974 recommended that only 104 basic drugs and 200 formulations were enough for our public health and medical needs, and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

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

(a) and (b) National convention on Economic Independence and Perspective of Drug Industry held on 21st and 22nd December, 1974 have recommended that the main attention should be devoted to the production of essential drugs, vaccines and sera which have been provisionally identified as 99 in number and some selected formulations under 10 categories.

The Committee on Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Industry constituted under the Chairmanship of Shri Jaisukhlal Hathi has also submitted a report on "measures for providing essential drugs and common household remedies to the general public, especially in rural areas" which was laid on the Table of the House on 4th March 1975. Recommendations of the Convention are being/will be examined in the light of those of the Committee.