

"To recommend measures necessary for ensuring that the public sector attains a leadership role in the manufacture of basic drugs and formulations, and in research and development."

"To make recommendations for promoting the rapid growth of the drugs industry and, particularly, of the Indian and small scale industries' sectors. In making its recommendations the Committee will keep in view the need for a balanced regional dispersal of the industry".

The Committee is likely to submit its report in April, 1975

In the meantime, however, discussions have been initiated with the Indian sector of the drug industry and the public sector undertakings on various aspects of the industry including the steps required for larger availability of essential life saving drugs at cheap prices, arrangements for adequate availability of raw materials, the related production programme and necessary institutional arrangements, etc.

Appropriate action will be taken by the Government in the light of the recommendations made by the said committee

Jacking up of 'Sagar Samrat' in Bombay High

4777. SHRI D. D. DESAI:
DR. LAXMINARAYAN
PANDEYA:
SHRI P. GANGADEB:
SHRI SHRIKISHAN MODI:

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

(a) whether the Sagar Samrat was jacked up at the fourth location in the Bombay High in the last week of February, 1975; and

(b) if so, the facts thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND
CHEMICALS (SHRI C. P. MAJHI):
(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As on 20th March, 1975 the well had been drilled to a depth of 1,150 metres. Further drilling is in progress.

Oil and Gas reserves at Baramura in Tripura

4778. SHRI D. D. DESAI:
SHRI P. GANGADEB:
SHRI ANADI CHARAN DAS:
SHRI SHRIKRISHAN MODI:
SHRI PURUSHOTTAM
KAKODKAR:
SHRI RAGHUNANDAN LAL
BHATIA:

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

(a) whether gas had been located at a depth of 4,000 metres in Tripura recently;

(b) if so, whether test drilling has been completed upto 2,000 metres; and

(c) if so the salient features thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND
CHEMICALS (SHRI C. P. MAJHI):
(a) to (c). In the first well drilled to a depth of 2,813 metres at Baramura structure in Tripura, a few gas horizons have been encountered. The well is under conventional testing.

Legal aid to workers

4779. SHRI D. D. DESAI:
SHRI P. GANGADEB:

Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 2897 on the 3rd December, 1974, regarding legal aid to workers and state: