

Rationalisation of Price Structure of Drugs and Dyes by Hindustan Organic Chemicals

1264. SHRI D. D. DESAI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state;

(a) whether Hindustan Organic Chemicals has rationalised the price structure of intermediates for drugs and dyes;

(b) if so, whether this has resulted in a general lowering of the price of these products; and

(c) whether this reduction will be passed on to the consumers of end products?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) Hindustan Organic Chemicals has rationalised the price structure of some of the intermediates for drugs, dyestuffs and Rubber Chemicals.

(b) The rationalisation would result in an overall price reduction of about 95 per cent for these intermediates.

(c) The effect of this reduction on the end products (i.e., to the consumers) would depend on their overall cost of production and other inputs of the bulk material for whose production these intermediates are used. At present, there is price control on drugs only.

Import of Crude

1265. SHRI D. D. DESAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state;

(a) whether the import of crude will be kept down to the present levels in the coming years; and

(b) if so, the broad features of plans thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI ZIAUR RAHMAN ANSARI): (a) and (b). Imports to the extent of 13.98 million tonnes are expected to be effected during the year 1975-76. For the coming years it is proposed to keep imports at the minimum level necessary to meet the essential product requirements.

Introduction of Jayanti Janta between Ahmedabad and Delhi

1266. SHRI D. D. DESAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Jayanti Janta is being introduced between Ahmedabad and Delhi; and

(b) if so, the broad features thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) and (b). 31/32 Delhi-Ahmedabad Janata Express has been converted into a Jayanti Janata Express from 26th January, 1974 and is hauled by a Diesel Loco. The train has sufficient reserved accommodation with facility for supply of bed rolls and provision of catering service

Programme for Rail Lines in Maharashtra

1267. SHRI DHAMANKAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state;

(a) the salient features of the approved programme for construction of new rail lines/improvement of the existing rail lines in Maharashtra;

(b) what provision has been made for these schemes for the year 1975-76; and

(c) the time schedule marked out for completion of these schemes?