

Adulterated and Spurious Drugs

2204. SHRI SAMAR GUHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) number of cases regarding adulterated and spurious drugs unearthed during the years 1973-75; and

(b) number of persons arrested and punished in connection with such cases?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI A. K. M. ISHAQUE): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha

Third Wage Board for Working Journalists

2205. SHRI NOORUL HUDA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the terms of reference of the recently constituted Third Wage Board for working journalists; and

(b) when it is expected to complete its work?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SRI BALGOVIND VERMA): (a) A copy of the Notification showing the terms of reference and composition of the Wage Board is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-10656/76]

(b) No time limit has been fixed. However, the Wage Board has been advised to proceed with its work as expeditiously as possible.

Mini Steel Plant Projects

2206. SHRI Y. ESWARA REDDY: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state how far the projects of mini steel plants are

getting implemented particularly in Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Kerala and the broad outlines thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUKHDEV PRASAD): 203 units have so far been permitted with an aggregate annual capacity of 42.46 lakh tonnes of ingot production. As against this, the total installed capacity of mini steel plants is reported to be 26 lakh tonnes.

The position regarding mini steel projects in Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, and Kerala, is as under:—

State	No. of Units	
	Licensed	Installed
Andhra Pradesh .	12	4
Tamil Nadu .	3	3
Kerala	1	1

Out of the four units installed in Andhra Pradesh, one unit is reported to have since closed down.

Barge Transhipment Service

2207. SHRI VASANT SATHE: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning a large transhipment service to overcome port congestion in the Persian Gulf which is seriously hampering India's export;

(b) if so, facts thereof; and

(c) at what stage of formulation/implementation the proposal stands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI H. M. TRIVEDI): (a) and (b) A suggestion has been made to Indian ship owners, barge