

**METALS (SHRI D. R. CHAVAN) :** (a) to (e). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House in due course.

**PROPOSAL FOR EXPANSION OF BOC ACTIVITIES**

**3957. SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO :** Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Burmah Oil Company has submitted some proposals to Government for the expansion of its activities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have agreed to the proposals made by the BOC; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS (SHRI D. R. CHAVAN) :** (a) No.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

**PACKAGING OF DRUGS FOR GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS**

**3958. SHRI YASHPAL SINGH :** Will the Minister of HEALTH, FAMILY PLANNING AND WORKS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether his suggestion for new packaging for Government hospitals has been accepted by the Pharmaceutical Producers of India with certain conditions;

(b) if so, what are the conditions; and

(c) whether these are acceptable to Government ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH, FAMILY PLANNING; AND WORKS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI B. S. MURTHY) :** (a) Discussions are still going on with the industry as to the means that could be taken for reducing pilferage of drugs from the hospitals. No decisions have yet been reached.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

**LIFTING OF PRICE CONTROL ON DRUGS**

**3959. SHRI YASHPAL SINGH :** Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal of the drug industry to lift the price control so as to enable the industry to effect a price reduction in its products;

(b) if so, the nature of the suggestion made; and

(c) when Government's views are likely to be finalised ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS (SHRI D. R. CHAVAN) :** (a) No; there is nothing in the Drugs Prices (Display and Control) Order to prevent the drug manufacturers from reducing the prices of their products.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

**मध्य प्रदेश में राष्ट्रीय बैंकों की नई शाखाएँ खोलना**

**3961. श्री रामावतार शर्मा :** क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि मध्य प्रदेश के उन गांवों के नाम क्या क्या हैं जहाँ राष्ट्रीयकृत बैंकों की नई शाखाएँ खोलने का सरकार का विचार है ?

**वित्त मंत्रालय म राज्य मंत्री (श्री प्र० चं० सेठी) :** बैंकों की एक समिति ने, जिसने, हाल ही में बैंकों की शाखाओं का विस्तार करने के कार्यक्रम की जांच की थी, देश के उन केन्द्रों में जहाँ बैंकों की कोई शाखा नहीं है, शाखाएँ खोलने की एक योजना तैयार की है। उक्त योजना के अन्तर्गत 31 दिसम्बर, 1970 से पहले, मध्य प्रदेश के 71 गांवों में राष्ट्रीयकृत बैंकों, भारतीय स्टेट बैंक तथा उसके एक सहायक बैंक द्वारा शाखाएँ खोले जाने की सम्भावना है। (शाखाएँ खोलने के प्रयोजन के लिये उन