

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING AND WORKS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI B. S. MURTHY) :

(a) The proposal is under consideration.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). There is no proposal for the re-opening of the Cancer Detection Centre at the Chittaranjan National Cancer Research Centre, Calcutta, in view of the fact that facilities for detection and diagnosis of Cancer are available at the adjacent Chittaranjan Cancer Hospital.

Reaction of Penicillin

5227. SHRI CHENGALRAYA NAIDU :

SHRI N. R. LASKAR :

SHRI SAMINATHAN :

SHRI DHANDAPANI :

SHRIMATI SAVITRI SHYAM;

SHRI RAGHUVIR SINGH SHASTRI :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING AND WORKS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that two scientists doing research at the Maulana Azad Medical College have proved that penicillin until now considered non-toxic, produced a number of allergic reactions in the human body, which may cause death;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) whether in view of this, Government have decided to ban the use of penicillin in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING AND WORKS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI B. S. MURTHY) :

(a) It is known for a long time that Penicillin can produce a number of allergic reactions in the human body which may even cause death.

(b) Penicillin is a very useful and life saving drug, and its use by qualified persons who are conscious of the adverse reactions

is as safe a procedure as the use of many other life saving drugs. Instructions have been issued as to the manner in which hospitals should be organised to deal with penicillin reaction cases.

(c) No, Sir.

Offer of supply of Crude Oil at \$1.26 per Barrel to Cochin Refinery

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SHRI MANIBHAI J. PATEL :

SHRI DEVENDER SINGH GARCHA :

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

(a) whether it is a fact that public sector Cochin Refinery has received an offer to supply petroleum crude at \$ 1.26 a barrel two cents lower than the price currently charged by the private oil companies;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government;

(c) whether the world trend of crude prices indicates that there may be a continuous fall soon; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that a team of officials from his Ministry had visited Tehran to revise the price clause in the agreement with N. O. C. ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS (SHRI D. R. CHAVAN) :

(a) Yes.

(b) Government will consider the question of securing further reduction in the price of crude from private oil companies when a lower level of prices comes to prevail in the world market.

(c) There has been a fall in prices recently but it is difficult to forecast whether this trend will continue.

(d) No; the team is scheduled to visit Tehran soon.