

CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the fact that Hindustan Lever Ltd. is not mentioning weights on its popular brands like Surf, Sunlight, Lux Toilet and H.B. Talcum ;

(b) whether such an exemption has been permitted ;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) if not, the action taken to stop this practice ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS (SHRI D.R. CHAVAN) : (a) The net weight is indicated on wrappers of Lux Toilet soap and packages of Himalaya Bouquet Talcum but not on containers of Surf and Sunlight.

(b) No.

(c) and (d). Surf and Sunlight and similar products are packed in the factory when these are slightly moist. To obviate loss to the consumer on account of loss of moisture at time of sale, the industry represented that they should be allowed to indicate the net weight somewhat lower than the weight filled in factory. As Excise duty is charged in relation to the weight, the matter is under reference to the Ministry of Finance.

Hindustan Lever Ltd.

4541. SHRI RAM AVTAR SHARMA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS be pleased to state :

(a) the position of Hindustan Lever Ltd. which is a foreign holding Company in India in the matter of its expansion in the Toilet Soap Market of the country;

(b) whether any production pegging steps have been taken in respect of this company so as to help the growth of

indigenous sector of soap industry in our country; add

(c) whether the overall growth rate achieved by Hindustan Lever Ltd. in the production and marketing of its major toilet soap brands like Lifebuoy soap is over 20 per cent now ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS (SHRI D.R. CHAVAN) : (a) the share of M/s. Hindustan Lever Ltd., in the total production of toilet soap (including Carbolec soap) of soap units in the Organised Sector in 1969 was as under :—

Production of soap units in the Organised Sector. —77,500 Tonnes.

Production of M/s. Hindustan Lever Ltd., —58,020 Tonnes.

(b) Proposals for pegging production of some soap manufacturers including M/s. Hindustan Lever Ltd., are under consideration.

(c) The overall annual growth rate of Hindustan Lever Ltd., in all brands of toilet soap is less than 20% as shown below.

Year	Production of all kinds of Toilet Soaps.	Rate of growth over previous year's production.
1968	53,960 Tonnes	—
1969	58,020 Tonnes	7.5%
1970 (estimated)	62,100 Tonnes	7.0%

Income from Camping Grounds of States and Union Territories

4542. SHRI HEM RAJ : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state the income that is being derived from the Military camping grounds in different States and the Union Territories annually ?