

3. Tamil Nadu — 28,850
4. Karnataka — 6,179
5. (i) Above information also include part-time workers.
- (ii) Information regarding the number of coir workers in other coir producing States/ Union Territories is not available.

(b) No, Sir.

[English]

(c) and (d). Does not arise.

World Bank Investment in Power Station

[Translation]

Increase in Prices of Drugs

6327. SHRISANTOSH KUMARGANGWAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of increase in the prices of category-II drugs of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987 during the last two years;

(b) whether there is any proposal to reduce the prices of these drugs; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) The increase varied between 0.73% to 94.95% during the last two years.

(b) and (c). The prices of a number of other bulk drugs in Category II were also reduced. Reduction varied between 0.70% to 46.81%. Prices of bulk drugs are cost studied by the BICP from time to time and as a result of such studies, if there is justification for any reduction in prices of Category II bulk drugs, such reduction would be announced.

6328. SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any report from the World Bank indicating its total investment in the power sector in the country;

(b) whether the World Bank has refused to invest further until repayment schedules are adhered to by different power boards and the NTPC Limited; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) to (c). The total commitment to the ongoing power projects by the World Bank presently amounts to about US\$ 6184 million (Rs. 10685 crores @ 1 US \$ = Rs. 17.27 as on 1.4.90). The Bank is desirous of seeing an improvement in the position of NTPC's receivable from State Electricity Boards.

Assets, Profits and Turnover of Large Business Houses

6329. SHRI T. BASHEER:
SHRI RAJVEER SINGH:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be