

Study Regarding Profitability of Multinational Drug Companies

5668. SHRI SHANTI DHAKIWAL : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether his Ministry has made any study about the profitability of multinational drug companies during the last three years ; and

(b) if so, the percentage of net profit to net worth and capital employed of each during the last three years, year-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, returns in Form 6 submitted by a number of companies show that their profitability on the formulation activity is well within the norms specified in the Vth Schedule to the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979 viz. 8 to 13% of the sale turnover.

Tamil Nadu Government's Policy to set up Units in Backward Areas through Joint Ventures

5669. SHRI N. DENNIS : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Tamil Nadu Government's policy to promote more joint ventures, set up units in backward areas and to create more job opportunities has been defeated by their own development agencies ;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government have sought any report from that State in this regard ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) to (c) It is for the State Government to assess the performance of their agencies.

Opening of Post Offices and Sub-Post Offices in Kalahandi District of Orissa

5670. SHRI JAGANNATH PATNAIK : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of post offices, sub-post offices and other branches, functioning in the State of Orissa, particularly in the district of Kalahandi ;

(b) the number of such post offices functioning in the rural areas, towns and in other cities ; and

(c) whether Government propose to open some more post offices in the district of Kalahandi, if so, the location and the time by which these post offices are likely to start functioning ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) There are 35 head post offices, 1368 sub post offices and 6,132 branch Post Offices in Orissa. The corresponding figures for Kalahandi district are 1,50 and 312 respectively.

(b) Out of 7535 Post Offices in Orissa, 6989 are in rural areas and 546 in urban areas.

(c) There are no proposals at present to open more post offices in Kalahandi district.

Manufacture of New Models of Motor Vehicles

5671. SHRI DINESH SINGH : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state whether Government propose to give permission to new entrants to manufacture new models of motor vehicles ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : The matter is under consideration of the Government.