

their approved capacity is 50,000. The name of their present collaborator is Isuzi Motor Company, Japan. If there is any complaint we will certainly look into that.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[English]

***307. SHRI ANANTA PRASAD SETHI :** Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have recently reviewed their policy to wipe out the current waiting list of LPG connection in the country ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) and (b) Persons on the waiting list for LPG connections are proposed to be given LPG connections under the annual enrolment programme. The target for the year 1985-86 is 17.50 lakhs. Release of new LPG connections in future years would be made keeping in view LPG availability, augmentation of bottling capacity, and other infrastructure facilities.

Supply of adequate Levy Cement to Assam

***308. SHRI ANANDA PATHAK :** Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the construction works in Assam have come to a halt following the failure of the Cement Corporation of India to supply levy cement to that State according to the scheduled quota ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the steps to be taken by Government to ensure regular supply of cement and prevent recurrence of such situation ?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL) : (a) to (c) Allocation and despatches of levy cement to the State of Assam under the State quota including Irrigation and Power projects during the

second quarter of 1985 (April—June 1985) have been as under :

Allocation under State quota including Irrigation and Power	Despatches including for Irrigation and Power
69, 800 tones	38,834 tonnes (Provisional)

Of the above, the share of despatches from the cement factories of Cement Corporation of India (CCI) viz. Bokajan (Assam), Mandhar (M.P.), Akaltara (M.P.) was 20,777 tonnes (Provisional) representing 53.50%. It is, therefore, not correct to say that construction works in Assam have come to a halt on account of non-supply of levy cement by the cement factories of Cement Corporation of India.

The shortfall in despatches as against allocation is primarily due to constraints in movement of cement by rail across Farakka. Priority is being accorded to cement despatches to Assam to improve the situation.

Sale of Drugs at Low Price by Public Sector Drug Companies to Private Sector Companies

***309. SHRI BIMALKANTI GHOSH :** Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether some public sector drug companies have during the past fifteen months sold their products to some private sector 6 APA producing units at rates lower than that fixed by Government ;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor ;

(c) the loss sustained by the public sector undertakings as a result of such sale ; and

(d) whether the drugs sold at lower rates for own consumption of the said 6 APA producers were subsequently re-sold by them at higher prices to other companies ?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL) (a) to (c) : The prices fixed by the Government under the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979 are the maxi-