

SHRI MOHD. MAHFOOZ ALI KHAN :

In the first place a very short time is allowed for getting the bills corrected and on the other hand, excess amount is got deposited. When the consumers go there with the complaint, the adjustment of that amount is not done in the subsequent bill, which causes a lot of inconvenience to the common man. My request is that firstly the feeder system of the computer should function correctly, and the other thing is that your meter readers do not come for meter reading. They sit at home and prepare the bills with guess work, which causes a lot of inconvenience to the consumers.

SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN :

Sir, our effort is to bring about improvements in the working. We shall give due weight to the suggestions made by the hon. Member.

[English]

SHRI ANIL BASU : Will the hon. Minister be pleased to give us the upto date total accumulated outstandings against DESU in respect of the NTPC, Badarpur? What are the measures contemplated to be taken to recover them and is the NTPC, Badarpur being treated at par with the others by DESU in such matters?

SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN : The outstandings against DESU for the supply of power from Badarpur Thermal Station are Rs. 357.91 crores and from Singrauli Rs. 16.90 crores. We are writing to DESU to clear their dues. The NTPC is also in touch with them. They are persuading them to make these payments. Before 9 April, 85 electricity was being supplied to Delhi consumers at a relatively cheaper rate. After the revision of tariff rate from 9 April, 85 the payment position of DESU has improved and now they are making total payment to NTPC for the power supply.

SHRI ANIL BASU : Will NTPC treat other SEBs at par with DESU?

SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN : I do not think it is proper to say that they should be treated at par because DESU is supplying electricity to the consumers of the national capital.

Production/Import of Polio Vaccine

***125. SHRI C. MADHAV REDDI :** Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the firms producing polio vaccine in the country and the annual output thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that this vaccine is also being imported and if so, the annual import thereof and the countries from which it is imported;

(c) the cost per dose of the imported vaccine as compared to that of the indigenous vaccine;

(d) whether a licence is required for its import and if so, the criteria for sanctioning such licences; and

(e) whether Government have any control over fixing the price of vaccine, imported or indigenous, under the provisions of the Drugs Price Control Order, 1979?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH) : (a) to (e). A Statement is given below.

Statement

(a) Commercial production of Polio Vaccine Concentrate has not yet commenced in the country.

(b) To meet the requirement of the country, Polio Vaccine is being imported mostly as Concentrate. Sources of import are USSR, Belgium, Italy and France. The imported Concentrate is blended, diluted and ampouled in the country. To the extent information is available details of import are at Annexure.

(c) The price fixed for oral Polio Vaccine based on imported Concentrate is Rs. 0.461 per dose.

(d) Polio Vaccine is covered under the Open General Licence (OGL) of the Import Export Policy. However, under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act and the rules thereunder a licence is required for its import.

(e) Yes, Sir.

Annexure
Import of Polio Vaccines

	1982-83 Qty. in Doses	CIF Value in Rupees	1983-84 Qty. in Doses	CIF Value in Rupees	1984-85 Qty. in Doses	CIF Value in Rupees
Poliomyelitis						
Vaccine (Oral)						
(a) Trivalent	30,66,000	5,83,576	1,68,750	59,459	72,52,280	21,69,975
(b) Mono	4,18,00,000	43,78,667	3,50,00,000	36,38,306	5,25,00,000	50,41,049

SHRI CHINTA MOHAN : Is there any proposal before the Government to issue industrial licence for the manufacture of vaccines of measles and harpes ?

SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH : The question that is being asked is about the polio vaccine and not other vaccines.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY : What is the total quantity of polio vaccine concentrate manufactured in the country ?

SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH : We do not manufacture any quantity at the present moment. Everything is being imported. But we are trying through Bio Pharmaceutical Corporation Ltd. Haffkins to manufacture something.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY : What has been the difficulty in starting manufacture of this vaccine ? What steps are being proposed for that ?

SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH : The process has started. In the next year or so the production will start giving results. The Haffkins Bio Pharmaceutical Corporation Ltd. is looking after this.

Amount allocated for N.T.P.C. Projects

*127. **SHRI G. BHOOPATHY :** Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) the amount allocated in the Seventh Five Year Plan for various National Thermal Power Corporation projects; and

(b) whether the Union Government are planning to raise funds from the public by

issue of bonds and by seeking assistance from international financial institutions ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) The amount allocated for various projects of the National Thermal Power Corporation in the Seventh Plan is about Rs. 5,560 crores.

(b) Government have allowed NTPC to raise funds by issue of bonds/debentures. NTPC will also continue to seek assistance from international financial institutions.

[Translation]

SHRI G. BHOOPATHY : Mr. Speaker, Sir, it is all right so far as planning is concerned. The target for the Seventh Plan in respect of production of coal is 400 million tonnes, but you are transporting only one-fourth of this quantity. Instead of transporting the coal to the power stations, power houses should be set up at the points where coal is available and only power should be transmitted; power to the farmers should be supplied at subsidised rates. Are the Government considering such a proposal ?

SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN : Sir, the basic concept behind the decision of setting up thermal power stations was not to transport coal and it is because of this that they are called pithead stations. The power stations being set up by the National Thermal Power Corporation are all super thermal power stations and these stations are being set up where coal mines are located.

The hon. Member has asked a question about subsidy. As the position stands now,