

(b) The amount of foreign exchange likely to be incurred in such imports is estimated at Rupees 27.90 crores.

(c) No excise duty is levied on drugs imported into the country. However customs duty is levied on imported bulk drugs and intermediates.

#### Expenditure on Energy Research

\*435. SHRI SUBHASH CHANDRA BOSE ALLURI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to lay a statement showing:

(a) the expenditure incurred by Government on energy research during the last three years; and

(b) the part utilised by research institutions under his Ministry?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURY): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

#### Raw material for High Density Polyethylene P.V.C.

\*436. SHRI K. LAKKAPPA:

SHRI H. N. NANJE GOWDA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the total production of raw material produced in the country is hardly 30 per cent to 35 per cent of the total demand therefor especially in the case of high density polyethylene P.V.C. etc.;

(b) whether many industrial units in small scale sector have found that the quality of indigenous raw material is sub-standard and causing a lot of wastage;

(c) whether small scale units have found that blending indigenous raw material with imported raw material in the ratio 50 : 50 will give satisfactory results in producing finished products; and

(d) whether Government propose to allow import to the extent of nearly 60 to 65 per cent of country's demand of raw material for survival of 14,000 small scale plastic units processing plastic raw material?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Government have received no report about the inferior quality of the indigenous raw material.

(c) We have no information.

(d) Import of PVC is allowed under OGL while the import of other raw material like HDPE, LDPE, Polystyrene and Polypropylene is allowed to actual users.

#### दूरदर्शन पर वाणिज्यिक प्रसारण के लिए पृथक चैनल

\*437. श्री तारिक अमनवर : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार दूरदर्शन केन्द्रों से वाणिज्यिक प्रसारण के लिये पृथक चैनल स्थापित करने के प्रस्ताव पर विचार कर रही है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उस पर अन्तिम निर्णय कब तक किये जाने की संभावना है;

(ग) क्या नया चैनल स्थापित करने के लिये दूरदर्शन द्वारा अतिरिक्त व्यवस्थाएं की जानी पड़ेंगी; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी व्यय होने की संभावना है ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री (श्री बलराम शाह) : (क) और (ख) बम्बई दूरदर्शन पर वाणिज्यिक टेलीकास्ट करने के लिये