also raised from 27.5 per cent to 75 per cent ad valorem. The main increase in prices during 1976-77 was thus due to the revision of tariff as indicated. In addition to this, there were also cases of revision of prices of certain bulk drugs which also led to the increase in the prices of formulations to some extent.

The Committee on Drugs & Pharmaceutical Industry (Hathi Committee) in their Report has made several recommendations in regard to the rationalisation of prices of drugs. Their report is in the final stages of consideration.

Memorandum by M/s. Glaxo ... Employees Unions

*33. SHRI VASANT SATHE: SHRIMATI PARVATHI KRISHNAN:

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

- (a) whether central committee of Glaxo Employees Unions have submitted a memorandum to Government demanding nationalisation of the Glaxo and probe into various irregularities of Glaxo;
- (b) if so, reaction of Government to the demands made therein; and
- (c) action taken/proposed in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA):
(a) A Memorandum has been received in which a demand for probe into various irregularities of Messr₃ Glaxo has been made. This, however, does not contain a demand for nationalisation of the company.

(b) and (c). The specific allegations made against the company are being looked into in consultation with concerned authorities.

Supply of Water Purifying Chemicals ? by Maruti Chemicals

*34. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Shri Sanjay Gandhi's chemical company (Maruti Chemicals) supplied water purifying chemicals to various Government and quasi-Government and other organisations and institutions which have been found to be injurious to human health and also causing a drain of Rs. 28 lakhs of public money;
- (b) if so, whether Government propose to take penal action against the owners; and
- (c) what are the other chemicals that Shri Sanjay's companies produce and which Government departments and other organisations and institutions are their buyers?

THE MINISTER OF PETRO-LEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILI-ZERS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA): (a) to (c). A 'Polymer Compound under the trade name of 'Quick Floc Polymix' was supplied by M|s Maruti Technical Services (Private) Limited, Gurgaon, to the Municipal Corporation of Delhi including Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking for a value of Rs. 21.14 lakh to be used for water sewage treatment, M\$s. Maruti Technical Services (P) Ltd. are registered as a small scale unit for the manufacture of one chemical only, namely, Quick Floc Polymix. The names of Government, quasi-Government other organisations and institutions to whom this chemical was supplied are given below:

- 1. Water Works Engineers, Kumaun Jal Sansthan, Haldwani Distt, Nanital.
- 2. Water Works Engineer, Kumaun Jay Sansthan, Almora.
- 3. General Manager, Jal-Sansthan, Dehra Dun.