

(b) whether it is a fact that the Ayurvedic medicines have proved successful at a very cheap cost in curing patients suffering from blocked arteries and prolonged diseases; and

(c) if so, the steps Government are taking to propagate the use of these Ayurvedic medicines?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. P. THAKUR) : (a) The Government is aware of the news report. Arjuteb is a patent proprietary medicine licenced by Haryana State authorities which is claimed to be useful in treating cardiac problems.

(b) According to the Central Council of Research in Ayurveda & Siddha different plant based drugs like Guggulu (*Commiphora wightii*), Vaca (*Acorus Calamus*) have been found to be useful in treating Ischaemic Heart Disease.

(c) In order to establish clinical efficacy of various Ayurvedic drugs long term clinical trials have to be undertaken. Facilities are being offered for undertaking such research. In the meantime, steps have also been taken to encourage more Ayurvedic treatment facilities and improve the quality of the medicines sold to the public.

Market share of Maruti Car

3726. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO : Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the market share of Maruti car is shrinking in the face of other cars' competition;

(b) its share on 31st March, 1999 and 31st March, 2001; and

(c) the steps taken by the Maruti Management to retain its dominant position and its share in market?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABH BHAI RAMJI BHAI KATHIRIA :

(a) and (b) Maruti's market share was 78.9% in 1998-99 and 57.9% in 2000-2001. It had gone down to 40.8% in June, 2000 but has steadily improved since to about 63.8% in July, 2001.

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(c) The steps taken by Maruti Management to retain its dominant position and its share in market are as follows:—

1. Price rationalization in the end of June, 2000 to boost overall demand.
2. Introduction of five new models (Wagon R, Alto LX, Alto VX, Baleno and Altura) since December, 1999.
3. Introduction of Euro 2 variants in all models.
4. Expansion of service network to 724 cities and towns across the country.

Production of Defence Products by BHEL

3727. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA : Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Bharat Heavy Electricals has decided to enter Defence Production Sector;

(b) if so, the details of defence products identified to be produced by BHEL; and

(c) by when BHEL is likely to start production of defence products?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABH BHAI RAMJI BHAI KATHIRIA) : (a) to (c) BHEL is already manufacturing certain equipments for Defence such as Simulators, Gun Mounts, Recovery Vehicles, Turret Castings.

PSUs in Rajasthan

3728. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA : Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the public sector undertakings located in Rajasthan;

(b) the performance of these PSUs during the last three years; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to improve the performance of these undertakings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABH BHAI RAMJI BHAI KATHIRIA) : (a) and (b) there are six public sector undertakings namely Hindustan Salts Ltd., Hindustan Zinc Ltd., Instrumentation Ltd., Rajasthan Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Ltd., Rajasthan Electronics & Instruments Ltd., & Sambhar Salts Ltd., whose registered offices are located in Rajasthan. The performance details of these PSUs for the last three years ending on 31-3-2000, the period till