

Adhoc price increase in Drugs and finished medicines

670. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to allow 20 per cent adhoc increase in the prices of Drugs and finished medicines;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Companies have increased the prices of price decontrolled medicines without any justification;

(d) whether it is a fact that his Ministry are monitoring the prices of non-scheduled finished Medicines;

(e) if so, what are the names of non-scheduled medicines whose prices have been increased under DPCO, 1987; and

(f) what was the price of each before DPCO, 1987 and what is the present price and what percentage of increase in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) There has been some increase in the prices of decontrolled medicines which is inevitable in a situation of rising prices.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) and (f) Such formulations and their dosages being thousands in number, the time and labour involved will not be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

पाकिस्तान द्वारा चीन से एम-22 प्रक्षेपास्त्र की खरीद

671. श्री शान्ति त्यागी : क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पाकिस्तान ने चीन से काफी बड़ी संख्या में एम-22 प्रक्षेपास्त्रों की खरीद की है ;

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो क्या इन प्रक्षेपास्त्रों के तैनात किए जाने से भारत की सुरक्षा के लिए एक नया खतरा पैदा हो गया है

(ग) यदि हाँ, तो सरकार इस संबंध में क्या कार्यवाही करने का विचार रखती है ;

रक्षा मंत्री (श्री शरद पवार) :
(क) से (ग) पाकिस्तान के पास एम 22 मिसाइलें मौजूद होने अथवा उनके द्वारा इन मिसाइलों की खरीद किए जाने के बारे में सरकार के पास कोई सूचना नहीं है ।

Sale price of Alpha interferon Injection

672. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that one injection of Alpha Interferon is sold at Rs. 1400/-

(b) what is the CIF price of the injection and what was the quantity imported during the year 1990;

(c) whether it is a fact that this injection is exempted from customs duty;

(d) whether it is a fact that according to DPCO 1987 the importer has to provide certain details before marketing of the product;

(e) if so, what is the name of importer and what price has been printed on the container as per the provisions of DPCO 1987;

(f) whether it is also a fact that importer has appointed a sole selling agent in India; and

(g) if so, the name of the agent and what are the details of selling arrangements and how much commission is paid?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (g) M/s. Genetics Sciences (India) Pvt.

Ltd. had imported 3000 vials of Alpha Interferon Inj. from M/s. National Geno Sciences Inc., U.S.A. @ \$ 34 per vial as its C.I.F. cost. The entire stocks had been destroyed on 7th May, 1991, under instructions from foreign supplier in the presence of Drug Inspector, Bangalore Dist., And hence no sales were effected.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir.

"Light and Sound" Show at Shaniwarwada, Pune

673. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for a "Light and Sound" show at Shaniwarwada, Pune; and

(b) if so, what progress has been made in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS) (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Radio and T.V. sets in the country

674. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of T.V. and radio sets in the country; and

(b) what is their annual production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI-MATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) The number of TV and Radio sets in the country can be estimated on the basis of their production and assuming their average life period of 10 years. The production of Radio and TV sets in the country during the last 10 years (1981-90) is given below:—

Radio . . .	70.75 million nos.
B&W TV . . .	21.82 million nos.
CTV . . .	6.73 million nos.

(b) The annual production of TV and Radio sets during the last 3 years is as follows:—

(Million Nos.)			
Year	Radio Receivers	B&W	CTV
1988 . . .	8	4.4	1.3
1989 . . .	8	4.0	1.2
1990 . . .	6	3.6	1.2

Non-availability of foreign exchanges to public sector undertakings

675. SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain giant Public Sector Undertakings are facing difficulties on account of non-availability of foreign exchange to meet their contractual obligations;

(b) if so, the names of such units, and their actual requirements of foreign exchange; and

(c) the measures taken by Government to tackle the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Export of molasses by Sugar factories

676. SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Sugar Mills Association have approached the Government of India for seeking permission for export of Molasses;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto and the quantity of Molasses available for export with the sugar factories in Tamil Nadu;