

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b) Due to the all round increase in the cost of inputs, the present cost of generation & purchase of electricity by DESU is substantially more than the average realisation. It is, therefore, necessary that the DESU may, with the approval of Delhi Electric Supply Committee and Municipal Corporation of Delhi, consider rationalisation of the power tariff in Delhi, so as to ensure financial viability of DESU and consequent proper supply of electricity in the National Capital. So far no decision to rationalise the electricity rates has been taken by the afore mentioned authorities.

Doctor patient ratio

57. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the doctor-patient ratio in the country at present;

(b) how this ratio compares with that in countries like U.K., USSR, Japan etc.; and

(c) what effects are proposed to be made in increase the number of doctors in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) to (c) According to the information furnished by the Medical Council of India, the doctor-population ratio in the country is 1:2387. This ratio compares very unfavourably with the ratio obtaining in developed countries like U.K., USSR and Japan;

Efforts are being made to augment the availability of doctors by opening medical institutions and also to improve patient care by establishment of more hospitals in the Government and private sector.

Shortage of Power in Uttar Pradesh

58. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the extent of shortage of power being experienced in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether Government have set up any panel to suggest measures to tackle the problem of power shortage in the State;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what measures are being adopted to improve the power supply position in the State?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) During 1989-90, Uttar Pradesh faced a power shortage of 10.6 per cent.

(b) to (d) Government is continuously monitoring the power supply position in the State and is taking steps to bridge the gap between demand and availability subject to overall availability of power in the grid. Some of the measures taken by the Government to increase the availability of power in the State include expeditious commissioning of new capacities, optimum utilisation of existing capacities, reduction of T&D losses, assistance from neighbouring States/Systems to the extent possible, maximising generation from existing capacities and intensive monitoring of the grid operations and coordination of power supply.

Tuticorin Airport

59. SHRI J. S. RAJU:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY.

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) how much money has been spent so far on the Tuticorin Airport; and

(b) by when this airport will be ready for operation?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) Rs. 43.50 lakhs have so far been spent,

(b) The airport is expected to be ready for operation by December, 1990.

Making the grounded Westland helicopters operational

60. SHRI PASUMPON THA,
KIRUTTINAM;

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY;

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state;

(a) whether any steps are being taken to make the grounded Westland Helicopters operational; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b) The Government had constituted an Expert Committee to examine the operational and safety aspects of Westland helicopters. The helicopters will be put into operation again only if they are found suitable from operational and safety aspects.

Increase in the prices of formulations

61. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH,
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU;

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 708 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 19th March, 1990 and state:

(a) what are the names of products where prices have been increased by more than 100 per cent along with the names of the manufacturers;

(b) what was the earlier and present price of each and percentage increase in each case; and

(c) what are the names of products where prices have been increased by more than 50 per cent and what was earlier and present price of each and percentage increase in each case and the name of the manufacturer?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI BHAIJMAN BEHERA): (a) and (b) To the extent available, the information is given in the statement at Annexure I. [See Appendix CLV, Annexure No. 2.]

(c) To the extent available, the information is given in the statement at Annexure II. [See Appendix CLIV, Annexure No. 3].

Production of Betamethasone

62. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 718 given in the Rajya Sabha on 19th March, 1990 and state:

(a) what is the intermediate from which production of Betamethasone and its salts have been sanctioned to other units and what is the capacity allowed to each;

(b) what was the production of each units during the last two years, year-wise;

(c) whether it is also a fact that instances of discrepancies in revising the prices by Review Committee has come to the notice of his Ministry; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI BHAIJMAN BEHERA): (a) and (b) Two other companies in the organised sector who have been issued licences for manufacture of Betamethasone are M/s. Glaxo having capacity of 568 Kgs. and M/s. Wyeth Labs with a capacity of 50 Kgs. The stage of manufacture permitted is basic. Of these only M/s. Glaxo is reporting production