

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGALRAO): (a- and (b) The Kelkar Committee in its Supplementary Report has suggested certain drugs for consideration for possible inclusion in the Second Schedule of DPCO, 1987. The Government is yet to take a decision on this suggestion.

(c) Since these drugs fall under price decontrolled category as per the provision of DPCO, 1987, and the manufacturers

themselves determine the price, the data asked for is not readily available.

(d) To the extent information is readily available, the bulk drugs namely: Sulphamoxole, Isoxsuprine and Hydroxyprogesterone are produced in the country.

(e) Out of the four drugs referred to in the question, the production details are monitored only for Sulphamoxole and details thereof are given below:-

Name of the bulk drug/ Manufacturing unit	A/c Unit	Production		
		1985-86	1986-87	1987-88
SULPHAMOXOLE				
1. Germen Remedies	T	99.45	76.51	39.67
2. Ciplo	T	4.21	0.48	2.72
TOTAL		103.66	76.99	42.39

Indigenous production of Timolol

1595. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to manufacture Timolol in the country; and

(b) if so, who submitted the proposal to Government and by when the production is likely to be commenced?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) M/s. Kal Laboratories was granted a Letter of Intent dated 31-3-1989, for manufacture of Timolol for 100 per cent export. The stage of implementation of the Letter of Intent is not available.

Production and import of bleaching earth

1596. SHRI KAHNU CHARAN LENKA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total requirement of Bleaching Earth in the country and what is the quantity imported;

(b) what is the quantity indigenously produced;

(c) whether the Public Sector Undertakings producing vegetable oils give preference to import Bleaching Earth in comparison to indigenous products; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGALRAO): (a) No study has been made to assess the demand of Bleaching Earth in the country. As per available information, there was no import of Bleaching Earth during the years 1983-84 to 1985-86. Exact information for the subsequent years is not readily available but no imports are expected to have taken place.