

State	For the year 1980-81
8. Karnataka	98.91
9. Kerala	59.12
10. Madhya Pradesh	403.90
11. Maharashtra	512.86
12. Orissa	110.62
13. Punjab	56.12
14. Rajasthan	23.94
15. Tamilnadu	174.83
16. Uttar Pradesh	215.62
17. West Bengal	190.72
18. Delhi	102.27
19. Goa	0.57
20. Other States/Union Territories	26.19
21. Unallocated	36.42
TOTAL	3010.04

Tannery, and Footwear Corporation of India

*67. SHRI BEKAL UTSABI;
DR. RATNAKAR PENDEY:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that production at the Tannery and Footwear Corporation of India has continuously been adversely affected during the last three years; if so, what were the reasons therefor; and

(b) what steps have been taken by Government to improve its production and functioning?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. YENGAL RAO): (a) No, Sir. The production of Tannery and Footwear Corporation of India has nearly doubled in 1987-88 compared to that in 1986-87.

(b) Apart from appointment of functional Directors on the Board of Tannery and Footwear Corporation of India, Government have also taken steps to improve its performance by way of modernisation, renewal/replacement of obsolete machinery etc.

Connecting main cities with state capitals by STD facility

*68. SHRIMATI RENUKA
CHOWDHURY:
SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalised any plan to provide STD facilities in various cities of the country during 1988-89 and 1989-90,

(b) if so, what are the names of the cities of Southern States which will be covered during the same period; and

(c) by when all the main cities will be connected with the Capital of each State with STD facility?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BIR BAHADUR SINGH):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Information is given in the enclosed Statement (See below).

(c) It is proposed to provide STD facility at district headquarter towns to the State Capital by March 1990, subject to availability of equipment.

Statement

Names of stations of Southern States (Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Pondicherry, Tamilnadu) Planned for STD facility during 1988-90.

ANDHRA PRADASH

Amalpuram, Amadlavale, Akive, Chirala, Godavarikheni, Gutty, Hindup, Kovvur (RMV), Mancherla, Pithapuram, Ponnur, Puttur, Srikalahasti, Tadpat, Vuyyuru, Bhadrachalam, Dharmavaram, Godval, Narsepur, Siddipet.

KARNATAKA

Arsikere, Bhatkal, Gangavathi, Gonikoppal, Gouribidnur, Hoskote, Kampli, Kengori, Kumta, Ramanagaram, Saklespur, Tiptur, Virajpet, Jamkhandi, Rabkair, Mandya.

KERALA

Chittur (PGT), Haripad, Kanjirapally, Karunagapally, Kolencherry, Mavelikara, Munnar, Nedumangad, Nileshtar, Ottapalam, Varkala, Vadakkancheri, Kesargod.

TAMILNADU

Gummudipundi, Manapparai, Nanguneri, Penruti, Ramanathapuram, Palani, Sankarnagar, Tindivanam, Vridhachalam, Chennimalai, Devakottai, Dharapuram, Kayalpattinam, Krishnagiri, Metturdam, Tiruchendur, Yercand.

PONDICHERY

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Unintended benefits on essential drugs

*69. SHRI RAJINI RANJAN SAHU:

SHRI M. KADHARSHA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that drug companies made huge unintended profits by overcharging the consumer on certain essential drugs such as Rifampicin, Gentamycin, Ethambutol, Pyrazinamide, Oxyphebutazone, etc.;

(b) what are the names of the drug companies in whose favour claim notices based on each drug/formulation were issued along with the date of issuance of each claim notice;

(c) whether it is a fact that the ministry has not recovered any amount overcharged from the consumers on Rifampicin, Ethambutol, Pyrazinamide and Oxyphebutazone as yet though the amount due is more than 50 crores;

(d) whether it is a fact that on Gentamycin, the companies have floated invoices upto the notified price when the market price and the actual purchase price was Rs. 25/- per gram less than the notified price;

(e) whether his Minister investigated into such instances; and

(f) if so, what are the details of the investigation made?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) The amounts recoverable from companies under para 7 of DPCO, 1979, to the extent information is available, are given in the enclosed Statement. (See below). Notices were issued to all these companies during the period 1984-87.

(c) The amount recoverable on account of these drugs is about Rs. 1177.03 lakhs. No amount has so far been received as the parties have disputed the amount.

(d) No such instance has come to the notice of the Government.

(e) and (f) Do not arise.

Statement**Details of Tentative amounts assessed and recoverable under para 7 (2) of DPCO, 1979**

Sl. No.	Name of the company	Tentative amount assessed
		(Rs.)
	<i>Rifampicin</i>	
1	Biochem Pharmaceuticals	34,27,875.95
2	Lyka Labs	57,56,747.72
3	Astra IDL Ltd.	24,10,758.96