

to uses of 6 APA from two angles, one from the lack of supply — there is a big gap between supply and demand—and also from the price angle. A number of incentives have been given to the indigenous producers. I have listed some already in Part 'C' of my answer. The others are like this: A number of bulk drugs have been identified by the manufacturers and are allowed minimum economic capacity; we have allowed some of these units to go up to a certain limit so that the production increases and the cost goes down. Then, in May/June, 1985, 94 bulk drugs and intermediates were de-licensed for production in the country. This is another step. Then, registrations with the DGTD are freely allowed to companies other than FERA and MRTP companies. Then, import of technology involving one-time payment, that is lumpsum payment, royalty payment, etc. are allowed depending on merits. These are some of the measures which we have taken to encourage indigenous production in the country.

WELCOME TO NETHERLANDS' PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hon. Members, I have an announcement to make. We have with us this morning, seated in the Special Box, Members of a Parliamentary Delegation from the Netherlands which is currently on a visit to our country under the distinguished leadership of His Excellency Dr. D. Delman, Speaker of the Second Chamber of the States General of the Netherlands. The other Members of the Delegation are:

1. Dr. Bert De Vries;
2. Mr. Thijs Weltgens;
3. Mr. Erwin Nyoels;
4. Mr. Robin Linschoten;
5. Jonkheer Gvoert Van Tets;
6. Dr. Henk Waltmans.

On behalf of the Members of the House and on my own behalf, I take pleasure in extending a very hearty welcome to the Leader and other Members of the Delegation and wish our distinguished guests a very enjoyable and fruitful stay in our country. We hope that during their stay here they would be able to see and learn more about our parliamentary system, our country and our people. Through them we convey our greetings and best wishes to the Members of the States General and the friendly people of the Netherlands

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS— Contd.

श्री रजनी रंजन साहू : मैं मंत्री महोदय से जानना चाहूंगा कि दवाओं के मामले में हम लोग सेल्फ सफिशियट कब तक होंगे इसके लिए कोई निश्चित समय आपने निर्धारित किया है ? और दूसरे यह कि क्या जनता को कम से कम कीमतों पर दवाएं उपलब्ध हो सकेंगी ?

SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH: Sir, the question of self-sufficiency is a very wide-ranging question because, as you know, in the drugs and pharmaceuticals world, a number of new drugs are being introduced. A drug which was introduced ten years ago as become obsolete. Therefore, on the question of a particular country being self-sufficient on drugs, I don't think any country in the world is self-sufficient on its own. Each one of us will have to depend on something or the other, on same drug or the other on the other parts of the world. And, Sir, about the export-import balance, I may just say for the benefit of the hon. Members in the House that the exports in our country during the last three years have risen from Rs. 205 crores to Rs. 296 crores in 1984-85, and they came down slightly to Rs. 253 crores in 1985-86. The corresponding figures for imports are like this: As against Rs. 205 crores of exports in 1983-84, the imports were of the order of Rs. 158 crores. Therefore, the export