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Ban on use of Oxyphenbutazone..

1034. SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the use of Oxyphenbutazone has been banned in several countries;

(b) what steps have been taken to prevent the continued use of this drug in India; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to ban the use of Oxyphenbutazone and other similar drugs in India?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (MISS KUMUD BEN M. JOSHI): (a) Yes.

(b) and (c) The Indian Council of Medical Research and the Indian Medical Association are of the opinion that the drugs Oxyphenbutazone/Phenylbutazone are useful drugs. There is, therefore, no case of total withdrawal of these drugs from the market.

However, the use of these drugs is being recommended to be restricted for the treatment of ankylosing spondylitis and gouty arthritis only. Manufacturers of these drugs have been directed through their Associations and the State Drug Control Authorities to incorporate precautions and contra-indications in the package inserts and in the promotional literature.

Gauge conversion of Manmad-Parbhani-Parli and Parbhani-Adilabad

1035. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:

SHRI SHANKARRAO NARAYANRAO DESHMUKH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the time schedule fixed for the completion of gauge conversion work from Manmad-Parbhani-Parli and Parbhani to Adilabad;

(b) what is the amount spent on this project so far; and

(c) how much of the work has been completed so far?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) The time schedule can only be assessed based on the allocations of money for this work which will depend on the priority accorded by the Planning Commission and therefore it is not possible to forecast specifically a time schedule.

(b) Expenditure upto March '84 is Rs. 4.87 crores and outlay during 1984-85 is Rs. 4.01 crores.

(c) Present progress for Phase-I i.e., from Manmad to Aurangabad is 22.6 per cent.