

ting to closures and get the closed units re-started. Similar action is taken by the Central Government, being the appropriate Government, in respect of establishments falling in the Central sphere.

Production of Drugs by M/s. Metroni Private Ltd.

723. SHRI MAND KISHORE BHATT: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that Ms. Metroni Private Limited is one of the largest producers of Metronidazole and Metronidazole Benzoxylate;

(a) whether it is also a fact that this company is selling Metronidazole at a price of Rs. 310/- per kg whereas Government's approved price for the drug is very high;

(c) what steps have been taken to recover the unintended benefits made by the producers of formulations based on this drug; and

(d) what are the reasons for fixing such high prices of these two drugs, when the same are sold at low price and by when the prices of formulations will be fixed to market level in order to give relief to poor people of the country?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Ms. Metroni Drugs Private Limited is one of the largest producers of Metronidazole. They are, however, not producing Metronidazole Benzoxylate at present.

(b) Ms. Metroni Drugs Pvt. Ltd. have reported that from November, 1983 to April, 1984 they sold Metronidazole at a price varying from Rs. 309/- per kg. to Rs. 321 - per kg.

(c) Notices have been issued to manufacturers of formulations of Metronidazole. Some of them have responded. The process of recovery, if any, and collections of details is followed up in accordance with the provisions of law.

(d) Market prices may only give indication but may not fully reflect the true

cost of production. The price fixation/revisions are made as per the provisions of Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979.

High Price of Proxyvon Tablets

724. SHRI NAND KISHORE BHATT: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that six tablets of Proxyvon are being sold at Rs. 4.84;

(b) what is the approved price of these tablets and why it is being sold at such a high price;

(c) what action has been taken to bring down the price to help the consumers; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that the manufacturer of these tablets is charging very high price under the protection of small scale sector unit; if so, what action is proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) to (d) Proxyvon manufactured by M/s. Panama Industries and Laboratories, Bombay, is being sold at Rs. 4.68 for 6 tablets. M/s. Panama Industries and Laboratories, Bombay, operating in the small scale sector, had not so far obtained price approval from the Government though their sales turn-over is reportedly higher than Rs. 50 lakhs. A Show Cause Notice has been issued to the company along with the directions to submit their application for price fixation of their product in accordance with the Provisions of Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979.

Import of Items by M/s. Fairdeal Corporation

725. SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of items are being imported by M/s. Fairdeal Corporation and their associated small scale companies;

(b) if so, what are the names of the items, their CIF value and source of im-