

### Reduction in prices of Rifampicin formulations

910. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that the prices of Rifampicin formulations have not been reduced so far, if so, what are the reasons for delay;

(b) what was the average import price during the period from January to March 1984 and what is the quantity imported during this period by ten major importers;

(c) what is the unintended benefit made by each manufacturer of Rifampicin formulation from the year 1979-80 onwards; and

(d) what measures Government propose to take to provide Anti-TB and Anti-Leprotic drugs to the poor people of the country at cheap prices?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) The prices of Rifampicin formulations have recently been reduced.

(b) The average import price of Rifampicin during the period January to March 1984 is Rs. 1935.61 per kg. in respect of arrivals at Bombay port. A total quantity of 27605 kgs. of Rifampicin arrived during the said period on that port.

(c) The magnitude of unintended benefit could only be finalised after hearing the parties.

(d) The prices of Rifampicin have already been reduced twice during the first four months of 1984 and were also reduced twice during last year. Customs duty on import of rifampicin and clofazimine has been waived. Import of Dapsone are being subsidised. The distribution price of Dapsone at Rs. 250 per kg. is lower than the landed cost of import which is over Rs. 400 per kg.

### Indigenous production of bulk drugs

911. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND

FERTILIZERS be pleased to state;

(a) the production of bulk drugs produced in the country from basic stages during the last three years, year-wise, with their value of production;

(b) the production of bulk drugs from penultimates and intermediates stages and value of such production during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) the CIF value of intermediates and penultimates imported for the said production during the last three years, year-wise; and

(d) the total CIF value of import of bulk drugs during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b) The total value of production of bulk drugs in the country during the last three years has been as under:

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Value of Production
1980-81 . . . . .	240
1981-82 . . . . .	289
1982-83 . . . . .	325

Separate figures for the value of production from basic stage and penultimate/intermediate stages are not being maintained.

(c) CIF value of intermediates, chemicals and solvents imported during the last 3 years has been as under:

(Rs. in crores)

Year	CIF value of imported intermediate chemicals and solvents
1980-81 . . . . .	15.68
1981-82 . . . . .	29.34
1982-83 . . . . .	25.35