

Information Bureau are at present accredited as correspondents at the Headquar-

ters of the Government of India.

(b) The details are given in the statement attached.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of the retired Information Officers who is at present accredited to PIB	Post held at the time of retirement	Date on which accredited
1	Shri B.B. Mathur	Director Public Relations	12-12-1977
2	Shri C.S. Savor	Deputy Principal Information Officer	4-6-1980
3	Shri G.D. Chandan	Information Officer	1-12-1980
4	Shri M.L. Kapur	Information Officer	31-1-1983
5	Shri H.L. Kapur	Information Officer	6-3-1981 to 31-12-1982 and 28-6-1983 to date.

Amalgamation of losing pharmaceutical concerns/undertakings

475. DR. BAPU KALDATE; Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to amalgamate the losing concerns/undertakings in the pharmaceutical industry into one unit;

(b) whether it is also proposed to diversify the products and go into production of essential drugs; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VASANT SATHE):(a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The public sector drug companies are mostly engaged in the manufacture of essential drugs. Applications for Industrial Licences for new items both from Public Sector and Private Sector Companies are considered on merits.

Collaboration with China for production of antibiotics,

476. SHRI SHYAM SUNDER MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state whether India has made any attempts to collaborate with China on production, of antibiotic and other chemicals where China has a special position?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): Yes, Sir. Streptomycin plant Hindustan Antibiotics Limited (HAL) was set up in 1962 with technology supplied by M/s. Merck and Company, U.S.A, with a view to upgrade *tile technology*, the company is exploring the possibilities of importing Streptomycin technology from China.

T. V. Coverage in Orissa

477. SHRI SHYAM SUNDER MOHAPATRA; Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of areas of Orissa which are likely to be covered by T.V. programmes from April, 1984; and