

been due to various reasons including technological problems which were brought to the notice of the Government from time to time.

(c) Installed capacity and production from basic stage of these products given below:—

	Installed; capacity	Production		
		1980-81	1981-82	1982-83
Ampicillin.		5'00	9-30	
Amoxicillin	35	0.94	0.90	
Erythromycin Euolate/Stearate	36	3.3	3'3?	nil

Know-how fee paid to M/s. Farmafin
for semi-synthetic penicillins and Erythro
mycin was U.S. \$ 768,460.

(d) Demand for Amoxicillin. Ampicil-

lin and Erythromycin for the year 1984-85 is likely to be 70 tonnes, 290 tonnes and 55 tonnes respectively. Production of these drugs by other units in organised sector was as under

	1980-81	1981-82	1982-83
Ampicillin (from 6 APA)			
H.A.L.	6.76	5.89	14.18
Alembic	0.84	0.82	2.42
Ranbaxy	17.63	31.68	44.89
Erythromycin			
Alembic (basic)	14.89	17.24	14.17
Themis (from TIOC)	14.73	10.69	15.42

Sale price of drugs produced by the Fairdeal Corporation

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

(a) whether the sale price of Metranidazole and Metranidazole Benzoxylate manufactured by Fairdeal Corporation is lower than Government notified price; if so, what is the justification for fixing high price by Government for the drugs;

(b) whether it is a fact that the manufacturers of important brand of Metranidazole formulations have made large unintended profits by procuring the drug at cheap price, if so, what are the details

regarding each source of procurement of Metranidazole and Metranidazole Benzoxylate, quantity obtained from each source, purchase price and the price allowed in the formulations; and

(c) what are the prices of Metranidazole Benzoxylate formulations presently charged by the manufacturers, when were they approved and what action has been taken for overcharging the prices therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VASANT SATHI): (a) M/s. Fairdeal Corporation during the year ending July, 1983 had sold Metranidazole and Metranida-

Benzoate at prices lower than Government notified prices. The prices notified by the Government for these two drugs are the maximum sale prices and the manufacturers are free to sell at any price not exceeding the maximum price fixed by the Government.

(b) The price allowed for Metronidazole in the formulations is Rs. 497.98 per kg. and for Metronidazole Benzoate it is Rs. 600/- per kg. Information regarding quantity of the two drugs obtained by the major formulators from different sources is being collected and the extent of unintended profit, if any, would be known after the details are received.

(c) Information is being collected and would be laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha.

Production of Doxycycline

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

(a) what are the names of the producers of Doxycycline along with quantity of production during the last three years year-wise and the stage of manufacture;

(b) whether it is a fact that large quantities of Doxycycline and its intermediates have been imported during the last three years, if so, how the imports were permitted;

(c) what is the production of each of the manufacture of Doxycycline during the last three years, year-wise and name of the units to whom this production was sold year-wise and at what price* and

(d) whether it is a fact that canalisation of imports and import of Doxycycline intermediates has led to a number of malpractices in regard to this drug; if so, what steps have been taken to stop the malpractices?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VASANT SATHE):
Ca) and (c) In the organised sector M/s. IDPL and M/s. Ranbaxy labs, are producing Doxycycline starting from Oxytetracycline. Details of production are as follows:

Name of the Company	Production (In tons) 1981-		
	82	1982-83	1983-84
M/s. IDPL	0.61	0.01	M/s. Ranbaxy
Labs 0.55	0.66	1.66	

Most of the production of IDPL was for captive consumption. Details of sales of Doxycycline by M/s. Ranbaxy to non-associated formulators are at Statement;

(b) and (c) was observed in 1981-82 that the increasing import of Doxycycline was adversely affecting the indigenous production of this bulk drug. Immediate steps were taken to restrict import of Doxycycline and its intermediates. The entry in Appendix 9 (List of Canalised drugs) of the Import Policy for 1982-83 was amended to include Doxycycline intermediates. No canalised import of Doxycycline was resorted to in 1983-84.

Statement

Period	Name of the Party	Net Rate (Rs.)
1	2	3
I. April '81 to March '82 :		
August 1981 :	Canesh Laboratories, Jullundur	5890.00
II. April '82 to March '83 :		
III. April '83 to March '84 :		
	Sarvodaya Lab. Bombay	3800.00