

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government have referred the matter to the National Drug Council; and

(d) if so, what is the function and responsibility of the Council in such matters and the reason why the statutory authority of Government was not applied and instead the matter was passed on to an Advisory Body?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Paragraph 21 of 1978-Drug Policy required, *inter-alia* foreign drug companies producing drug formulations based on imported bulk drugs to manufacture such bulk drugs from basic stage within a period of two years.

(b) to (d) In the absence of any provisions under the Industries (Development & Regulation) Act, 1951 to call back the industrial licences already issued and impose fresh conditions thereon, the above mentioned policy decision cannot be implemented in full till the amendment of the said Act.

Amendments have been proposed for the purpose. However, in cases where foreign companies have applied for recognition of installed capacities under September, 1980 Policy production from basic stage is now being stipulated as a condition subject to techno-economic feasibility and the other objectives of the Drug Policy. Where the bulk drug is licensable, foreign companies have been licensed. In some cases, licences could not be given because of conflict with other parameters of the Policy.

The National Drug and Pharmaceuticals Development Council (NDPDC) is expected to discuss shortly the reports submitted by a Working Group set up by it. The Government intends to make the necessary changes, if any, in the 1978

Drug Policy after receipt and consideration of the recommendations of NDPDC.

Issue of Commemorative and Special Stamps

2152. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN:
SHRI GHULAM RASOOL
MATTO:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state;

(a) whether the programme for the issue of commemorative and special stamps during 1984-85 has been finalised;

(b) if so, what are the particulars thereof;

(c) what are the particulars of the suggestions received by the Ministry of Communications from various sources and not found acceptable; and

(d) what are the reasons for rejecting these suggestions?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VIJAY N. PATIL): (a) and (b) The programmes for issue of commemorative and special stamps are chalked out calendar year-wise.

The programme proposed for issue of commemorative and special stamps during 1984 is as at statement—I Programme for 1985 has not yet been finalised.

(c) The list of proposals received in 1984 and not found acceptable is placed as Statement-II.

(d) The proposals did not conform, to the guidelines and/or were not received in time or were otherwise not found acceptable.

Statement-I*Programme for issue of commemorative stamps during 1984 :*

Theme/Subject	Date
7th Light Cavalry	7th January
Deccan Horse	9th January
The Asiatic Society	15th January
President's Review of the Fleet (set of 4 stamps)	12th February
Postal Life Insurance	1st February
12th International Leprosy Congress	20th February*
Vasudeo Balvant Phadke	21st February
Indo-Soviet Joint Manned Space Flight	3rd April
India's Freedom Struggle (set)	10th May
Mangal Pande	
Nana Sahib	
Tantiya Topa	
Begum Hazrat Mahal	
G.D. Birla—1st Death Anniversary	11th June
Olympics (set)	July (Date to be fixed)
White Winged Wood Duck	1st October
Children's Day	14th November
Forts of India (Set)	Date to be decided
Indian Roses (set)	"
Bougain Villea (set)	"
Bridges (Set)	"
Baba Kanshi Ram	23-4-84
Dr. Rajendra Prasad	3rd Dec.
Swami Haridas	Date to be decided.

Statement—H

List of proposals received in 1984 and
not found acceptable:

25 dears' of MECON

Temple House of Sri Iswar Satya-
narayunjee..

Lord Sangameshwar Temple
Dab Parbatia

Tragopan

Golden Jubilee—Badminton Asso-
ciation of India

Kav.t Narmad

Centenary Celebration of Amritsar—

Dinanagar Railway Line

Fort of Khonoma

Vacancies of Judges of High Courts

3153. &HRI GHULAM RASOOL
MATTO:

SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN:

Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE

AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased
to state:

(a) the total number of vacancies of
Judges in High Courts on the first day of
January 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983 and
1984;

(b) the number of additional posts
sanctioned during the subsequent year,
year-wise;

(c) the number of posts filled during
the following year, year-wise;

(d) whether Government have made
any effort to identify the bottlenecks
which delay the appointment of Judges
and streamline the procedure thereof; and

(e) if so, what are the reforms in-
troduced in the procedure?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE
AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI
JAGANNATH OKAUSHAL): (a) to (c)
Requisite information is given in the
enclosed statement (see below)

(d) and (e) Appointment of Judges to
the High Courts are made in