

facture of this drug from basic stages and the process involved from basic stages satisfies more than one criteria laid down by the High Level Committee. Hence this drug is at present

being treated as involving "high" technology.

(e) Requisite information is given below:—

(Figures in Tonnes)

Year	Total Production in organised sector	Production of M/s. Roche
1981-82	157.00	34.31
1982-83 (April-Dec., 82)	130.89	13.11

Apart from the above, production of Sulphamethoxazole in the small scale sector, as per data available is as under:—

1981-82	76.23 Tonnes
(1982-83 April-Dec. 82)	57.85 Tonnes

Production of Cyproheptadine by M/s. Merck Sharp and Dhome

1402. SHRI MIRZA IRSHADBAIG AIYUBBAIG: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1527 given in tb* Rajya Sabha on the 14th March, 1983 and state:

(a) whether M/s. Merck Sharp and Dhome have submitted their manufacturing processes for the production of Cyproheptadine to the High Level Committee, if so, what was the stage of manufacture shown in the process examined by the Committee;

(b) whether it was known to the Committee that this company does not have Industrial Licence to manufacture Cyproheptadine from Cypro-carbinol base and the foreign exchange spent on Cyprocarbinol base is much more than the price of the bulk drug then how the company was allowed to manufacture Cyproheptadine from imported Cyprocarbinol base even after the New Drug Policy; and

(c) whether any comparison of the price of Cyproheptadine and Cy-procabinol base was made to establish the extent of over invoicing involved in the transaction of import of Cyprocarbinol base?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) M/s. Merck Sharp & Dohme had indicated to the High Level Committee that they were producing Cyproheptadine HCL from the penultimate stage. The High Level Committee categorised the technology of this drug as 'Not high'.

(b) The company was producing this drug under explanation 2 to Schedule I of KD&R) Act, 1951. Its Industrial Licence application for manufacture of this drug has been rejected and the company asked to stop its production.

(c) The price of imported Cyproheptadine HCL in 1980-81 was Rs. 2 per gram C.I.F. The import content per gram of production by Merck Sharp & Dohme on import of Cyprocarbinol base was indicated by the BICP as Rs. 9.989 CIF in their report submitted to the Government in 1979.

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1403. SHRI RAMCHANDRA BHARADWAJ: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state;