

This is in progress. The current price fixed by Government for Prednisolone is Rs. 17100 per kg., for Hydrocortisone Acetate Rs. 15795 per kg and for Hydrocortisone Rs. 15423 per kg. These are the maximum sale prices. The company does not manufacture Trimethoprim and Sulphamethoxazole. The question of recovery of unintended profits, if any, into the Drug Prices Equalisation Account from M/s. Wyeth Lab., has not, therefore, arisen.

Loss incurred by F.C.I. and H.F.C.

13. SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE:
SHRI GHANSHYAM SINGH:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Fertilizer Corporation of India and the Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation are running heavy losses;

(b) if so, how much loss the two companies have incurred during 1981-82 and what would be the estimated loss during 1982-83;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Chief Executives of these Corporations were running the plants through remote control; and

(d) if so, what measures Government propose to take to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI R. C. RATH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The loss of Fertilizer Corporation of India (FCI) and Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation (HFC) during 1981-82 and estimated loss during

1982-83 are as follows:—

(Rs. in crores)

Name of the Company	Year	Loss suffered
F.C.I.	1981-82	126.79
F.C.I.	1982-83	114.08
H.F.C.	1981-82	49.60
H.F.C.	1982-83 (estimated)	45.47

(c) and (d) The Chief Executives of these companies are at Delhi where the Head Offices of the Companies are located. In order to bring about improvement in performance of FCI and HFC, Government is examining various proposals including the restructuring of the Companies.

Indigenous production of bulk drugs

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the indigenous production of bulk drugs and intermediaries falls short of the demand in the country;

(b) what is the total value of import of bulk drugs and intermediaries in the year 1980-81, 1981-82 and first nine months of the year 1982-83; and

(c) what measures are being taken by Government to further tone up production of bulk drugs and intermediaries indigenously so that the import bill could be cut?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The total value of import of bulk drugs and drug intermediates, chemicals and solvents as required and to the extent available is given

below: