

(x) Sole selling agencies for drugs and formulations (except for exports) have been abolished by a Notification of the Company Law Board.

2. The various provisions of the Drug Policy of 1978 are being implemented vigorously.

Officers in the Indian Oil Corporation

1980. SHRI AJIT KUMAR SHARMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of officers in the Indian Oil Corporation Marketing Division, in the North-Eastern Region;

(b) the number of local officers from each of the States and Union Territories of the North-Eastern Region among them;

(c) the number of trainee/officers recruited by the Marketing Division of the Indian Oil Corporation during the last five years (i) all over India (ii) in the Eastern Region, and (iii) in the North-Eastern Region;

(d) the number of Divisional officers of the Indian Oil Corporation in each State;

(e) whether there is an Divisional officer in Assam and, if not, by when it is likely to be established; and

(f) the number of Divisional officers of the Indian Oil Corporation in Assam and the North-Eastern Region?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKAR): (a) to (f) The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Manufacture of life Saving Drugs

1981. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: DR. SARUP SINGH:

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

(a) the names of major anti-biotic

and life saving drugs which are not yet manufactured in the country or are manufactured in insufficient quantities;

(b) whether Government have plans to manufacture such drugs or to increase their production progressively; and

(c) the names of firms which have applied for licence for manufacturing these drugs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHR DALBIR SINGH): (a) Some of the important and essential drugs which are not yet manufactured in the country or are manufactured in insufficient quantities are Chloramphenicol, Semi-Synthetic Penicillins, Rifampicin, Chloroquin, Methyl Dopa, Aminophylline and Theophylline.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The only application for the manufacture of the drugs mentioned above on which a decision is yet to be taken is from M/s. Ciba-Geigy of (India) Limited for the manufacture of Rifampicin.

Thai Vaishet Fertilizer Plant

1982. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some serious differences have arisen between his Ministry and the Haldor Topsoe, prime contractor for setting up of the Thai Vaishet Fertilizer plant in Maharashtra over the use of catalysts for the ammonia plant; and

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) There was a difference of opinion in regard to acceptability of some of the catalysts of Projects & Deve-