

**Solar Cookers**

1606. SHRI RAMAKRISHNA MAZUMDER: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state what is the number of solar cookers produced and sold in each State in the country during the last one year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ELECTRONICS AND ENVIRONMENT AND OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA PRATAP NARAIN SINGH): The information is being collected from the State Governments and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

**Setting up of Pilot Plant in Himachal Pradesh**

1607. SHRI AMARPROSAD CHAKRABORTY:

SHRI RAMAKRISHNA MAZUMDER:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the progress so far made by the Commission for Additional Sources of Energy for the setting up of a 5 K.W. Pilot power Plant by utilising the hot water from the geo-thermal fields at Manikaran in Himachal Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ELECTRONICS AND ENVIRONMENT AND OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA PRATAP NARAIN SINGH): (a) A disputed project for the installation of a 5 K.W. power plant utilising hot water from the geo-thermal fields of Manikaran, Himachal Pradesh has been prepared and sanctioned in February, 1982. The project is now under implementation jointly by the National Aeronautical Laboratory, Bangalore and Geological Survey of India.

**Discovery of New Drugs by R.R.L. Jammu-Tawi**

1608. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chairman, Department of Pharmacology, Regional Research Laboratory, Jammu-Tawi has been responsible for discovering some new drugs in the past 20 years of his dedicated service;

(b) whether two foreign drug houses and three Indian drug houses have taken up these drugs for marketing; and

(c) if so, whether the said Chairman continues to be engaged in making his further contributions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ELECTRONICS AND ENVIRONMENT AND OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA PRATAP NARAIN SINGH): (a) No, Sir. No new drug has been discovered in Regional Research Laboratory (RRL), Jammu-Tawi. The Drug Research Programme at Regional Research Laboratory (RRL), Jammu, is handled by a Drug Development Group, consisting of Pharmacologists, Organic Chemists, Botanists, Biochemists and Drug Metabolism staff. This is a multi-disciplinary coordinated team effort and a number of interesting leads have been developed by this team.

(b) No, Sir. Only one anti-arthritis preparation based on the known Ayurvedic drug Salai Guggal, has been brought in the market under the name 'Sallaki' by M/s Gufic Laboratories Private Ltd., Surat (Gujarat).

(c) Does not arise.

**Research Projects in R.R.L., Jammu-Tawi**

1609. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Director, R.R.L., Jammu-Tawi