

(c) what measures have been taken by Government to improve its performance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) No, Sir, the main reasons for the losses are:

(i) Increase in the cost of raw materials and utilities like furnace oil and power.

(ii) Delayed and inadequate compensation for increases in cost of production by increases in prices.

(iii) Accumulation of interest payable on Government loans granted to meet cash losses;

(iv) Predominance of institutional sales rather than trade sales.

The net losses of Hindustan Antibiotics Limited during the last three years were as follows: —

	(Rs. Lakhs)
1978-79	197.16
1979-80	298.03
1980-81	639.47

(c) Steps proposed to be taken to improve the performance are as follows: —

(i) Revisions of prices taking into account the increase in input costs.

(ii) Replacement of existing old equipments which have not been replaced for a number of years.

(iii) Introduction of modern management techniques for plant maintenance production, planning and control, manpower development and improvement of productivity in terms of energy, raw materials consumption etc.

(iv) Expansion of marketing activities to penetrate the trade

market and reduce dependence on institutional sales.

Opening of depot for distribution of Imported bulk Drugs,

80. SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a demand from Gujarat that a depot should be opened at Ahmedabad for distribution of imported bulk drugs; and

(b) if so, what decision Government have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS. (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter is under consideration.

दवाओं का उत्पादन और बिक्री

81. श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद थावर :
श्री अश्विनी कुमार :

क्या पेट्रोलेियम, रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) दवाओं का उत्पादन करने और बेचने वाली कितनी देशी और कितनी विदेशी कम्पनियां हैं और वे कितने मूल्य की दवाओं का उत्पादन करती हैं तथा उसमें जीवन रक्षक दवाओं का प्रतिशत क्या है ?

(ख) पिछले तीन वर्षों में दवाओं की कीमतों में कितनी वृद्धि हुई है; और

(ग) नकली दवाओं को रोकने के लिए सरकार ने क्या कदम उठाये हैं;