

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

(a) whether Government have received any complaint about the shortage of essential drugs in the country and especially in Kanyakumari District of Tamil Nadu; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what steps Government propose to take to make such drugs available?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) and (b) Government monitors the availability of life-saving and essential drugs on the basis of reports received from the State Drug Controllers, Zonal Offices of the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation and public complaints.

Shortages of specific brands of some essential and life-saving drugs have been reported from time to time from different places in the country; but the Government have not received any reports of shortages of such drugs in Kanyakumari District of Tamil Nadu in the recent past.

The shortage reports for the week ending 5-9-1981, included those of—Chlorostrep Capsules/Suspension, and Chloromycetin Capsules (Parke Davis); Penidure L.A. (John Wyeth); Idifulvin Tablets (IDPL); Adelphane Esidrex and Adelphane Esidrex & Adelphane Tablets (Ciba-Geigy); PAS Granules (Pfizer); Dapsone Tablets (Burroughs Wellcome); Diamox Tablets (Cyanamid); and Brinerdin tablets (Sandoz). Equivalent products are available for most of these drugs.

As soon as shortage of a drug is noticed in any region, the manufacturer of the concerned product as well as the manufacturers of the equivalent products are advised to rush supplies to the area concerned. To prevent shortages, the Government arranges

imports of such drugs which may be in short supply in the country. It also makes special allocations of canalised drugs to manufacturers from the CPC when required to improve the availability of essential and life-saving drugs.

Doordarshan Centre in Assam

*419. SHRI ROBIN KAKATI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the setting up of a Doordarshan Centre in Assam is included in the Sixth Five Year Plan and if so, what amount has been allocated for this project; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Yes, Sir. A TV Centre at Gauhati in Assam is included in the VI Plan. Rs. 5 crore has been provided for in the Plan for this project.

(b) Does not arise.

Press Information Bureau Accreditation Review Committee

*420. DR. PHANINDRA NATH HANSDA:
SHRI N. G. TOMPOK SINGH:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Accreditation Review Committee of the Press Information Bureau has asked some correspondents to furnish their salary certificates and the newspaper clippings on their newspaper reports;

(b) if so, what are the names of correspondents who have been asked to furnish these documents;

(c) whether the editors of newspapers with which such correspondents are connected have also been informed of such communications;

(d) whether it is a fact that some correspondents have not submitted the required documents; and

(e) if so, what action Government have taken or are likely to take against them?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The names of the correspondents who had been asked to furnish

these documents are given in the statement.

(c) While the salary certificates have been asked for from the editors of the papers concerned, the correspondents have been asked directly to submit newspaper clippings. In the latter case, the editors are informed if a correspondent fails to furnish the clippings.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The fact will be brought out to the notice of the Central Press Accreditation Committee.

Statement

Names of the Correspondents who were requested to furnish Newspaper Clippings/Salary Certificates in Pursuance of the Recommendations of the Review Committee of the CPAC.

S. No.	Name of the Correspondent/Cameraman	Name of the Organisation
1.	Shri K. Bhaskar Pai	Stern Magazine.
2.	Shri R. Bala Subramaniam	Kumudam, Madras.
3.	Shri Thomas Mulackal	News Bureau of India
4.	Shri Som Dev	Publication Syndicate.
5.	Shri R. S. Sharma	Publication Syndicate.
6.	Shri Krishan Kumar	Vikrant News Service.
7.	Shri Suresh Singh	Amrit Prabhat, Allahabad.
8.	Shri Mukesh Chandra Alakh	Awaj, Hindi Daily, Dhanbad.
9.	Shri Harbans Lal	Clarity, Bombay.
10.	Shri Khagen D. Sarkar	Basumati, Calcutta.
11.	Shri Arunoday Guha	Basumati, Calcutta.
12.	Shri Debabratta Sarkar	Basumati, Calcutta.
13.	Shri Manohar Puri	Ek Nazar, Delhi.
14.	Smt. Ajeet Kour	Janta Yug, Aligarh.
15.	Shri F. C. Ahluwalia	Kashmir Times, Jammu.
16.	Shri S. R. Venkatachalam	Murasoli, Madras.
17.	Shri Dipak B. R. Chaudhury	Praiatantra, Cuttack.
18.	Shri D. N. Tara	Vir Pratap, Jullundur.