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GHARDA CHEMICALS PRIVATE LTD.	Sulphamethoxazole—100 tonnes	50 tonnes	Against assessed demand of 100 tonnes by 1983-84, the capacity licensed for this item is 86 tonnes and the capacity registered is 155 tonnes. Since sufficient capacity had already been approved, the scheme was registered for lesser capacity as production was still picking up.

Quantities imported in the last three years are as follows :

Item	1977-78	1978-79	1979-80
Norethisterone Acetate	93.4 Kgs	162.4 Kgs	196.1 Kgs
DHA Acetate Figures not available.		
Androstenedione Figures not available.		
Methyl Testosterone	4.5 Kgs	Nil	Nil
Salbutamol	103.3 Kgs	172.0 Kgs	362.6 Kgs
Sul famthoxazole	57.59 tonnes	61.87 tonnes	64.4 tonnes

Indigenous Technology for production of Salbutamol

2506. SHRI K.V.R.S. BALA SUBBA RAO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that indigenous technology for the production of Salbutamol has been developed by two Indian companies and that department of Science & Technology and Council of Scientific and Industrial Research in their communications recommended to the Government that multinational companies should not be allowed to produce Salbutamol; and

(b) what action has been taken by Government on these communications?

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

(b) There is no proposal to issue any new letter of intent for this item to any multinational. The matter under examination is whether a letter of intent obtained by a FERA company in 1974, before indigenous technology was developed, can be converted into a licence or not.

2507. [Transferred to the 15th September, 1981]