

Vide an order dated 1st July 1981, the Delhi High Court has stayed on an interim basis the revision of the prices of Betamethasone, its derivatives and the formulations based thereon. It is, therefore, not possible at present to say when the proposed reduction in prices can be effected.

Panel for promotion to Station Engineer in AIR

2402. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that the D.P.C. increased the panel for the promotion to the post of Station Engineer, in All India Radio to 46 from 33;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what are the particulars of Assistant Station Engineers who were eligible for consideration by the D.P.C. as compared to those who have been selected?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI VASANT SATHE):

(a) and (b) Since 13 additional vacancies were anticipated and it would be appropriate to fill up such vacancies with candidates duly empanelled, the Departmental Promotion Committee was requested and it recommended a panel of 46 candidates.

(c) In all, 114 Assistant Station Engineers were eligible and were duly considered as per the prescribed procedure. The panel was recommended out of this number.

Public Telephone Booth at Agartala Airport

2403. SHRIMATI ILA BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no public telephone booth (PCO)

at Agartala Airport which is causing inconvenience to the passengers; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KARTIK ORAON):

(a) A public telephone is working in the Post Office at Agartala Airport.

(b) Question does not arise in view of reply to

(a) above.

Radio Station having oldest equipment

2404. SHRI GHOUSE MOHIUDDIN SHEIKH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the name of the Radio Station in the country which have the oldest broadcasting equipment; and

(b) by when Government propose to replace it?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI (VASANT SATHE): (a) Tezu in Arunachal Pradesh.

(b) The replacement will be made during the Sixth Plan period.

Purchase of indigenous drugs by Soviet Union

2405. SHRI K. L. N. PRASAD: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Soviet Union which imported drugs worth Rs. 40 crores from India during 1980 intends to switch its purchases from Multinational Companies to Indian Companies;

(b) whether three-man high level expert team from Russia had visited India in August, 1981 in this regard;