

into with the National Oil Companies of oil producing countries contain escalation/de-escalation clause with reference to Government selling prices. Thus, whenever, there is a change in these official prices they become applicable to the supplies made under such contracts.

(c) As per present estimates 15.4 million tonnes of crude oil and 5.47 million tonnes of petroleum products will be imported during 1981-82 and the foreign exchange outgo is likely to be about Rs. 5,200 crores.

Releasing of Blocked Titles

812. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Registrar of Newspapers has commenced the process of releasing blocked titles;

(b) if so, what is the number of titles released up to 31st December, 1981 in respect of which the requisite declaration was not received from the publisher;

(c) the number of titles released up to 31st December, 1981 in respect of those which did not commence publication, although declaration was filed;

(d) the number of titles released upto 31st December, 1981 in respect of those which have ceased publication;

(e) the number of cases of each of the three categories mentioned above under consideration on 1st January, 1982; and

(f) whether an annual routine verification is carried out in respect of utilisation of the blocked titles?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMED KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) It is estimated that about sixty thousand titles which had been blocked are now available for release. Each case for release of a title so far blocked is considered

separately on merits as and when a request is received through the District Magistrate concerned. The lists of titles available in each category have not been compiled because of the time and labour involved.

(f) No, Sir.

Production of Urea in the Ramagundam Fertilizer Plant

813. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state the date from which the Ramagundam unit of the Fertilizer Corporation of India started production and how many tonnes of urea has been produced by this unit till date and out of this how many tonnes of urea has been sold out so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): The coal based fertilizer plant at Ramagundam started commercial production with effect from 1-11-1980 and produced since then 135771 tonnes of Urea till 15-2-1982 out of which 125011 tonnes has been sold.

Implementation of Drugs (Price Control) Order, 1979

814. SHRIMATI HAMIDA HABIBULLAH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the foreign drug companies are putting pressure on Government by resorting to creating shortages, filing petitions in the court so that implementation of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979 could be stayed;

(b) if so, how many companies have gone to the courts, the names of the drugs involved, the price of the drugs under Drugs (Price Control) Order, 1979; and the current price which they have challenged; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto and what steps have been taken to ensure that profiteering