

Issue of permits for Soda Ash to small scale units of Delhi

✓ 162. SHRIMATI MARAGATHAM
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SHANKAR ADIVAREKAR:

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

(a) whether Director of Industries, Delhi is regularly issuing quota permits of Soda Ash to small scale units, whose capacities have since been assessed by the Department under the Soda Ash Distribution Order, 1979;

(b) if so, whether permits are being issued on monthly/quarterly/half-yearly/yearly basis; and

(c) what are the names of the small scale industrial units alongwith the capacity assessed since the inception of the Soda Ash Distribution Order and what are the reasons for the delay in issuing the permits after the assessment has been made by the Department?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) The Directorate of Industries, Delhi Administration have reported that permits/quota cards have been issued for making continuous *ad-hoc* supplies to the units either of imported or of indigenous Soda Ash on the basis of their assessed capacities after assessment of the capacities of such units.

(b) Permits have been issued on *ad-hoc* basis.

(c) The Directorate of Industries, Delhi Administration have forwarded a list of 75 units whose capacities they have assessed as per the Anne-

xure. [See Appendix CXV, Annexure No. 20]. It is reported that there has been no delay in issuing permits to these units.

C.I.F. price of Baygon technical insecticides imported by M/s. Bayer (India) Ltd.

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

(a) what is the C.I.F. price of Baygon and other technical insecticides which M/s. Bayer (India) Limited has imported and is continuing to import during the last three years;

(b) what is the price fixed by the Company for Baygon EC and other insecticides for domestic use and exports and what is the discount allowed thereon;

(c) whether Government are aware that the rates fixed by the Company for Baygon EC and other insecticides and other weedicides for exports are much higher than the domestic prices; and

(d) if reply to part (c) is in affirmative, what are the reasons for fixing higher prices by the Company for exports than domestic price and what is Governments' reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) For household use, M/s. Bayer (India) Limited are making formulations based on Baygon Technical only.

Their current consumer prices (without taxes etc.) for these formulations are as under:

		Rs.
Baygon Conc.	5 LTR Carboy	700.00
Baygon Bait	25 Gm. Packet	1.80
	5 KG tin	115.00
	25 KG Drum	540.00
Baygon spray	500 Ml. can	10.50
	1 LTR can	17.25
	5 LTR can	69.60
	20 LTR Drum	244.00
	50 LTR Dr m	560.00

(Beygon Conc. can be sold only to

The Company have reported that they have not exported any insecticide during the last three years and they have therefore no export price or discount thereon.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

✓ **Steps to bring down the price of Boric Acid**

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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 310 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 30th June, 1980 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Boric Acid is being sold in the Black Market for thrice the manufacturing price;

(b) what is the quantity of Boric Acid M/s Borax Morarji Limited have supplied to their each distributor, zone-wise, during the last one year;

(c) whether Government have allowed import of Boric Acid under OGL to meet the scarcity and to further curb spurt in prices; and

Government and semi-Government bodies).

(d) if not what are the reasons therefor and what alternative remedial measures Government have taken or propose to take to stop black-marketing and bring down the price of Boric Acid?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) No, Sir. The current ex-works prices (exclusive of 8 per cent excise-duty and local taxes) of Boric Acid of M/s. Borax Morarji Limited are Rs. 9100 per tonne for Boric Acid Granular and Rs. 9400 per tonne for Boric Acid Power—both of Technical Grade. The market price of Boric Acid Technical is, however, Rs. 15,000 per tonne (as reported in Economic Times of 26th July, 1980 for Delhi Market).

(b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) Imports of Boric Acid by any actual user (Industrial) are freely permissible.

(d) In addition to liberalising imports by any actual user (industrial), Government have also granted licence to another party viz. M/s. Southern Borax Ltd. for a capacity of 3,000 tonnes per annum. This party has already commenced production though with an installed capacity 660 per annum only. It is expected to increase its installed capacity and production gradually.