

- (b) Joint Secretary . . . 5 years  
 Director . . . 5 years  
 Deputy Secretary . . . 4 years  
 Under Secretary . . . 3 years.

(c) No IAS Officer has contained in this Ministry beyond the normal tenure.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

**Crisis faced by drug manufacturing companies in West Bengal**

•556. SHRI INDRADEEP SINHA: .  
 SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: SHRI  
 YOGENDRA SHARMA:

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

(a) whether Government are aware that a number of drug manufacturing companies in West Bengal are facing a financial crisis;

(b) if so, what are the names of these companies and what are the details regarding their financial performance during the last three years; and

(c) what are the main reasons for the deterioration in their performance and what remedial measures Central Government propose to take to make them viable units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**Statement**

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On the basis of the information available only two drugs and pharmaceutical manufacturing Companies viz., M/s. Bengal Chemicals and

Pharmaceutical Works Ltd., and M/s. Indian Health Institute Laboratory Ltd., are facing financial crisis. The details of their financial performance to the extent available are indicated below:—

Year	Sales	Losses
	(Rs.	Lakhs)
<i>Bengal Chemicals &amp; Pharmaceutical Works Ltd.</i>		
1974-75	598	0.1
1975-76	586	35
1976-77	502	103
<i>Indian Health Institute &amp; Laboratory Ltd. Calcutta.</i>		
1972	60.56	0.44
1973	44.12	5.22
1974	59.04	11.32

(c) The main reasons for the deterioration of their performance are claimed to be (a) mis-management and (b) lack of finance. While an Investigation under Section 15 of the IDR Act has been ordered into the affairs of the Indian Health Institute and Laboratory Ltd., Calcutta on the 23th November, 1977, the action to be taken in the case of M/s. Bengal Chemicals & Pharmaceutical Works Ltd., is under consideration of Government.

**Self-sufficiency in Chemical fertilizers**

1\*557. SHRI JANARDHANA RED-DY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state by when the country is likely to achieve self-sufficiency in the matter of Chemical fertilizers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): The pro-

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