

Fertiliser Plant at Paradeep

*289. SHRI NILAMONI ROUT-RAY; Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the date on which the Prime Minister laid the foundation stone of the Fertilizer Plant at Paradeep in Orissa; and

(b) the progress made so far in the execution of the Project and by when it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) The foundation stone of the Fertilizer plant at Paradeep in Orissa was laid by the Prime Minister on 1st April, 1974.

(b) The project has not yet been taken up for execution due to resources constraint.

Expansion and diversification of foreign and Indian drug manufacturing companies

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

(a) whether Government have recently formulated any scheme for the expansion and diversification of foreign and Indian drug manufacturing companies; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) and (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) and (b) The Task Force on Drugs and Pharmaceuticals taking

into account the overall production of pharmaceuticals in the form of finished formulations in the year 1971-72 at Rs. 300 crores in terms of value and indigenous output of bulk drugs at Rs. 50 crores has correspondingly estimated the requirements of finished formulations for 1978-79 at Rs. 600 crores and the value of bulk drugs production at Rs. 200 crores. The Task Force has also estimated the requirements of bulk drugs in terms of quantities at the end of the Fifth Plan. Accordingly, additional production capacities are being established both in the public and private sectors.

In the meantime, the report of the Committee on Drugs and Pharmaceutical Industry was also received in April 1975 and the Committee has made various recommendations. Two of the important recommendations of the Committee relating to production programme concern;

(i) Increasing the production of bulk drugs required for production of 117 essential formulations identified by the Committee for mass production; and

(ii) Assignment of relevant lines of production to the public sector, the Indian sector and the multinational sector.

A case by case study of important drugs was undertaken and based upon expert advice, it was decided that the assignment may be done as per list attached. (See below:)

The general approach towards assigning production programme to the three sectors are:

(i) Essential drugs especially the antibiotics which are vital to the national health programme should be entrusted to the public sector, within the constraints of the financial resources available.

(ii) Other areas where technology is available and the Indian