

Smith Stanistreet and Co. Limited

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the production of Smith Stanistreet and Co. Limited, Calcutta has gone down from Rs. 33 lacs worth of goods in November, 1975 to Rs. 18 lacs estimated in February, 1976; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI PRAKASH-CHAND B. SETHI) : (a) and (b) The production of M/s. Smith Stanistreet & Co. Limited, Calcutta for the last four months was as under :—

November '75	33.09 lakhs
December '75	33.08 lakhs
January '76	27 lakhs
February '76	21.06 lakhs

M/s. Smith Stanistreet & Co. Limited have built up an inventory of drugs worth Rs. 70 lakhs. The production has, therefore, deliberately been curtailed so that the inventory level is reduced.

The Company expects to clear the excess inventory by the end of March '76 and to resume production at higher levels from April '76 onwards.

Prices of soap and synthetic detergents

*179. SHRI YOGENDRA SHARMA :
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the prices of synthetic detergents and soap manufactured and marketed by Mysore Government Soap Factory and Tata Oil Mills

Company are substantially less than those charged by the leading manufacturers and marketing companies in the field like M/s. Hindustan Lever Limited; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to make this multinational company to reduce the prices of its soaps and detergents ?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI PRAKASH-CHAND B. SETHI) : (a) and (b) There is no price or distribution Control on Soaps and Synthetic Detergents except on Janata Toilet Soap where the manufacturers in the organised sector have agreed to sell the product at 90 paise plus local taxes for a cake of 100 gms. The prices of standard grade toilet soaps produced in the organised sector are comparable.

The prices of Synthetic detergents are determined to a large extent by the formulation (including the level of incorporation of the active matter and builders), consumer preference, marketing ability of the manufacturers etc. Since there is no uniformity in the formulations in the market, a fair comparison is not possible.

Production of bulk drugs and formulations

*180. SHRI GIAN CHAND TOTU :
SHRI SYED NIZAM-UD-DIN :

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

(a) the number of the Indian entrepreneurs who at present hold licences/letter of intent for production of bulk drugs and formulations; and

(b) what is their output of such drugs and formulations during the year 1975?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI PRAKASH-CHAND B. SETHI) : (a) There are 92 Indian units (including those having foreign equity upto 50%) holding industrial licences/letters of intent for production of bulk drugs and formulations.