

Smith Stanistreet and Co. Limited

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CHETTRI :

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the projection 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 : DR.
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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 up to 50%) holding industrial licences /letters of intent for production of bulk drugs and formulations.

(b) Statistics of output of drug formulations are not maintained. Value of output of important bulk drugs during 1975 by Indian units was of the order of about Ks. 58.5 crores.

Railway overbridges in Maharashtra

246. SHRI DEORAO PATIL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway overbridges sanctioned in Maharashtra State during the year 1974-75, and the amount so far spent on their construction;

(b) whether the progress of construction work on these overbridges has been slow; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SARDAR BUTA SINGH) : (a) Three road over-bridges were sanctioned during 1974-75, two as deposit works and one on cost sharing basis. An amount of Rs. 2.87 lakhs (approximately) has been spent on these works so far.

(b) Yes, the progress has been somewhat slow.

(c) The reason for the slow progress has been due to non-availability of adequate funds.

Doubling of railway lines

247. SHRI DEORAO PATIL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress so far made in doubling of railway lines between Nagpur and Itarsi and Wardha and Chandrapur; and

(b) by when the works will be completed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SARDAR BUTA SINGH) : (a) Double line to the extent of 55 km on Itarsi-Nagpur (total length 298 km) and 79 km on Wardha-

Chandrapur (total length 119 km) sections is available.

(b) Work on the doubling of 25 km from Nagri to Bhugaon on Wardha-Chandrapur section is in progress and expected to be completed by December 1976. There are no proposals for doubling of the balance single line portions in these sections at present. These will be considered as and when they are justified by increase in traffic.

Laying of new railway line between Tellichery and Mysore

24X SHRI K. CHANDRASHEKHA-RAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any survey for laying a new railway line connecting Tellichery with Mysore; and

(b) if so, with what result?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SARDAR BUTA SINGH) : (a) and (b) Engineering and Traffic Surveys carried out in 1956-57 for the construction of the proposed 255 kms. long metre gauge rail link revealed that the project would cost Rs. 12.45 crores at the then prevailing prices and would be unremunerative. In view of the very limited availability of funds, even for works which are already approved, no further investigations have been carried out for this line.

Installation of stone crusher at Jorhat Railway Station

249. SHRI KRISHNA BAHADUR CHETTRI :
DR. RAJAT KUMAR CHAKRA-BARTI :
SHRI NABIN CHANDRA BURAGOHAIN :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s Pod-cla Bros, and Company installed a stone