

(ख) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान इन कम्पनियों द्वारा किए गए कच्चे माल के आयात के लिये कितनी विदेशी मुद्रा व्यय की गई; और

(ग) क्या सरकार ने उक्त कच्चे माल को देश के अन्दर खोजने के लिये कोई प्रयत्न किए हैं और यदि हां, तो उसका व्यौरा क्या है?

[REMITTANCES BY FOREIGN DRUG FIRMS]

506. SHRI NAGESHWAR PRASAD SHAHI : SHRI KALP NATH : SHRI GUNANAND THAKUR : SHRI JAGDISHJOSHI :

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

(a) the amounts remitted abroad by the drug companies having foreign equity in the shape of profits, dividends and royalties during the year 1973, firm-wise;

(b) the details of the foreign exchange involved in the imports of raw materials which were made by these companies during the last three years; and

(c) whether Government have made any efforts to explore the said raw materials within the country itself; if so, what are the details thereof?]

पेट्रोलियम और रसायन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री के० आर० गणेश) : (क) से (ग) : सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है तथा सभा पटल पर प्रस्तुत कर दी जाएगी।

t[THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI K. R. GANESH) : (a) to (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.]

PRODUCTION OF DRUGS

507. SHRI V. VISWANATHAMENON : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state :

t [] English translation.

(a) what percentage of the total requirements of drugs is produced in public sector units ; and

(b) what percentage of the total production of drugs is produced in private sector ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI K. R. GANESH) : (a) and (b). The value of bulk drug production presently in the country is about Rs. 50 crores, of which public sector accounts for a production valued at Rs. 18 crores. During 1972-73 the value of bulk drugs imported was Rs. 30.88 crores. The import of formulations is negligible as formulations are not normally allowed for imports except in certain special cases. The value of formulations produced in the country is estimated at about Rs. 360 crores. The share of public sector in production of drug formulations in 1972-73 was about 8%.

SYNTHETIC DRUGS PLANT AT HYDERABAD

508. SHRI R. NARASIMHA REDDY : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that Synthetic Drugs Plant at Hyderabad is emanating nauseating fumes which pervades the entire city deleteriously affecting the health of the people; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to eliminate this dangerous air pollution in Hyderabad ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI K. R. GANESH) : (a) and (b). It is not true that nauseating ' fumes are emanating from Synthetic Drugs Plant at Hyderabad having deleterious effect on the health of the people though occasional pollution due to some breakdown in storage or process equipment for acidic chemicals may take place. A sanitary belt around the plant to safeguard against such occasional hazards has been provided for. The Central Public Health Engineering Institute who have examined these arrangements from time to time have been satisfied with them.