

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA):

(a) and (c) While an exercise is being carried out, no definitive reassessment of resources for the Fifth Plan has been prepared as yet.

(b) and (d) While the commitment in respect of grant of dearness allowance to Government employees would not doubt affect the availability of resources for the Plan, every effort is being made to maximise these through additional resource mobilisation, economies in non-Plan expenditure, etc. At the same time, emphasis is being laid on economic stability and a view will be taken on further D.A. increases in the light of this objective after taking into account all relevant considerations.

tRacket on forging of university degrees

535. SHRI GANESH LAL MALI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a well organised racket specialised in forging university degrees and school-leaving certificates of various States has recently been unearthed in Delhi; and

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

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI F. H. MOHSIN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On 25th September, 1974 the Principal, R. L. Anand College New Delhi, made a complaint to the Police that one Shri Vishnu Kumar secured admission in his college in B.A. Part (II) on the basis of forged mark sheet of B. A. Part (I). A case FIR 367 u/s 420/468/471/1120-B IPC was registered at P.S. R. K. Puram and investigation taken up. Nine persons have so far been arrested. Further investigation is in progress.

Manufacture of vital drugs from coke oven gas

585. SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO: SHRI LOKANATH MISRA: SHRI M. P. VARMA: SHRI SITARAM SINGH:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a; whether Government's attention has been drawn to a research study made by the Central Drug Research Institute, Lucknow regarding manufacturing of vital drugs from coke oven gas which is produced in the steel plants;

(b) whether Government are considering the suggestions made by the Institute in this regard; and

(c) if so, by when a decision is likely to be taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) No such research study has been made by the Central Drug Research Institute (CDRI), Lucknow. However, according to a paper on 'Objectives and targets for achieving self-sufficiency in Pharmaceuticals and drugs' jointly presented at a National Convention on "Economic Independence and perspective of Drug Industry" held in New Delhi on December, 21-22, 1974, Dr. Nitya Nand, Director and Dr. V. C. Vora, Head of the Fermentation Technology Division of C.D.R.I., Lucknow, have stated that while-by-products of coal carbonization could be an important source of intermediates in our country, adequate attention has not been paid to develop this aspect of our chemical industry. The paper had suggested that existing steel plants should set up units for this recovery of bye-products of coal carbonization to feed the chemical industry instead of utilizing such bye-products as fuel.

(b) and (c) The contents of the paper have been taken note of.