

(c) the paid up capital of each foreign-controlled drug firm ;

(d) the gross and net profits earned and dividend distributed by each foreign-controlled firm, year-wise during the last 3 years ; and

(e) the total amount of money remitted by each firm year-wise during the last 3 years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN) : (a) and (b) The total paid up capital in equity in the organised sector of drugs and pharmaceutical industry is about Rs. 113 crores out of which the share of foreign controlled drug firms with foreign equity exceeding 50 per cent, is Rs. 27.19 crores (excluding May and Baker Limited, Anglo Thai Corporation, Chesbrough Ponds Inc, Cooper Laboratories, C. W. Carnrick, Nicolas of India Limited, John Wyeth Bros, and Smith Kline and French—which are branches of foreign companies operating in India). The percentage of share of foreign controlled drug firms in terms of total equity in the organised sector is 24.1.

(c) and (e) The issued equity capital and dividends/profits remitted during the four years ending 1971-72/72 have been furnished in reply to Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 278 dated the 5th March, '73 and unstarred Question No. 415 dated the 19th November, 1973.

(d) A statement showing the gross and net profits earned for the three years ending 1971-72 is attached. [See Appendix LXXXIX, Annexure No. 3.] Information regarding dividends declared/distributed by each company is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

#### Supply of essential drugs

27. SHRI MULKA GOVINDA REDDY :

SHRI N. G. GORAY :

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

(a) whether it is a fact that essential drugs including life saving drugs have been out of supply in the country for some-time past ;

(b) if so, since when these have been out of market and the reasons therefor ; and

(c) what steps have been taken or are being taken by Government to improve the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN) : (a) to (c) Reports of occasional shortage of certain proprietary drugs, in some parts of the country, for which similar preparations of other manufacturers are also available, are received in the Ministry from State Drug Controllers from time to time. On receipt of such reports the manufacturing units are contacted and advised to supply the drugs to areas from which reports of shortages are received and to ensure their continuity of supply.

#### Polyster filament yarn plant

28. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH :

SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN :

SHRI GANESH LAL MALI :

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the estimated cost of the proposed polyster filament yarn plant at Koyali has increased from Rs. 11 crores to Rs. 24.76 crores ;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor ; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that investment for the project was approved as far back as March, 1972 ; if so, the reasons for the delay in taking it up ?