

(HI) Study on the possibility of operating Chasnalla Washery as a Central Washery with coals obtained from outside unit the linked mines are in production;

(iv) Suggest measures for the economic utilisation of washing capacity, consistent with the demand for washed coals,

(v) Study and recommend the levels to which coals are to be washed;

(vi) Recommend the additional washing capacity that will have to be set up having regard to the demands from metallurgical/future industries; and

(vii) Suggest measures for the use and linkage of washery middlings with thermal power stations.

2. The Committee will submit its report within six months.

पेनिसिलिन के पञ्च-प्रभाव

*488. श्री बी०एन० मंडल : क्या स्वास्थ्य तथा परिवार नियोजन और निर्माण, आवास और नगर विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 18 दिसम्बर, 1969 के 'हिन्दुस्तान टाइम्स' में प्रकाशित इस आशय के समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है कि पेनिसिलिन के पञ्च-प्रभाव घातक हो सकते हैं; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उस पर भारत सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

AFTER-EFFECTS OF PENICILLIN

*488. SHRI B. N. MANDAL : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING AND WORKS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item published in the Hindustan Times dated the 18th December, 1969 to the effect that the after-effects of penicillin can be fatal; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto?]

स्वास्थ्य तथा परिवार नियोजन और निर्माण, आवास और नगर विकास मंत्री (श्री के० के० शाह) :

(क) जी हां।

(ख) लोग काफी समय से इस बात को जानते हैं कि पेनिसिलिन से मानव शरीर में अनेक एलर्जिक प्रतिक्रियाएं हो सकती हैं जिससे मृत्यु तक हो सकती है। वैसे पेनिसिलिन एक बहुत लाभकारी तथा जीवन रक्षक औषधि है। सुयोग्य व्यक्तियों द्वारा जिन्हें इसके प्रतिकूल प्रभावों की जानकारी है, इसका उपयोग किया जाना उतना ही सुरक्षित है जितना कि बहुत-सी अन्य जीवन-रक्षक औषधियों का। इसमें क्या-क्या माव-धानियां बरती जानी चाहिए तथा प्रतिक्रियाओं का उपचार किस प्रकार किया जाना चाहिए इसके बारे में अनुदेश जारी कर दिये गये हैं।

†[THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING AND WORKS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI K. K. SHAH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is known for a long time that Penicillin can produce a fumber of allergic reactions in the human body which may even cause death. However, Penicillin is a very useful and life saving drug. Its use by qualified persons, who are aware of the adverse reactions, is as safe a procedure as the use of many other life- saving drugs. Instructions have been issued about the precautions to be taken and about the wav in which reactions should be treated.]

PRODUCTION CAPACITY OF ANTI-BIOTIC PLANT AT HARDWAR

*489. SHRI BANKA BEHARY DAS : Will the Minister or PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the installed capacity of the anti-biotic plant established at Hardwar with Russian collaboration according to original project report and design;

(b) whether any difference of opinion arose because of actual low performance of the plant;

(c) if so, what is this difference;

(d) how it has been solved;

(e) what is the capacity accepted now;

(f) whether compensation has been paid for this; and

(g) if not, the reasons for the same?

†[] English translation.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS (SHRI Y. R. CHAVAN) : (a) 290 tonnes equivalent to 3,70,000 Mrds.

(b) and (c) Yes. The Soviet Delegation which visited the Plant during September/October, 1969 reviewed the capacity along with the Indian Specialists in the light of past performance and assessed it at 315,000 Mrds. as against 254,500 Mrds. assessed by the Indian Specialists.

(d) and (e) Procaine Penicillin : The question is still under discussion.

Chlorotetracycline : In view of the declining demand for this item, the question whether or not to produce this antibiotic is being reconsidered.

Nystatin : The production is yet to be established.

Streptomycin : As the Dehydro-streptomycin has become obsolete, it has been decided to use the production capacity for the production of streptomycin sulphate.

(f) and (g) Since the collaborators are supplying the blanking plant and equipment and rendering the technical advice, to attain the accepted capacities, free of cost, the question of payment of compensation by them does not arise at present.

IRON ORE FINES AT BASTAR

*490. SHRI I AM SAHAI : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Bailadilla Iron Ore Project, Bastar has ample iron ore fines and they are not being made use of for any purpose at present;

(b) whether the National Mineral Development Corporation have under consideration to set up a Pelletisation Plant at Bailadilla in the public sector to make use of these fines; and

(c) if so, when is it proposed to set up this Plant?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS (SHRI Y. R. CHAVAN) : (a) Iron ore fines are generated in the course of mechanised mining and processing of iron ore at Bailadilla Deposit No. 14, where a mine has been

developed by the National Mineral Development Corporation Ltd., for the production of lump ore for export to Japan. These fines are now being accumulated pending finalisation of arrangements for their disposal.

(b) The National Mineral Development Corporation Ltd., has commissioned a techno-economic feasibility study on the establishment of a pelletisation plant based on iron ore fines and blue dust being produced in Bailadilla.

(c) An investment decision on the establishment of the plant can be taken only after examining the feasibility report.

GROWTH-RATE OF BANK DEPOSITS

*491. DR. BHAI MAHAVIR : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the growth rate of bank deposits in India which was 11.4 per cent before nationalisation of banks has come down to 10 per cent at present;

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

(c) what steps are being taken to improve it?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN) : (a) to, (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

During the year July 19, 1969 to July 17, 1970 aggregate deposits of schedule commercial banks have increased by 14% as against 16.4% during the corresponding period of 1968-69.

The slower pace of deposit growth is attributable partly to the smaller extent of deficit financing by the Government. Besides, the recent rise in prices and recovery in industrial and training activities this year are also believed to have affected deposit growth adversely.

The relatively slow growth of deposits has been a matter of concern to Government and pointed attention of the concerned banks in the public sector has been drawn to this. They have been advised to initiate campaigns for deposit mobilisation and to introduce new schemes for attracting deposits. Measures for stepping up deposit mobilisation were considered at the Finance