

(b) to (e) The outlay tentatively approved for water supply schemes of Calcutta in the Fourth Five Year Plan of West Bengal is Rs. 11.41 crores, as had been proposed by the State Government themselves. The Mayor of Calcutta has recently made a request to the State Government for additional funds for the improvement of certain essential civic services in the city, on a short-term basis, in 1969-70 and 1970-71. This includes an amount of Rs. 54 lakhs for water supply improvements.

The request of the Mayor of Calcutta will be taken into account at the time of finalising the Fourth Five Year of West Bengal.

NATIONAL CREDIT COUNCILS STUDY GROUP ON CREDIT

551. SHRI CHITTA BASU :
SHRI M. V. BHADRAM :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

1. Have a Study Group appointed by the National Credit Council to study the problem of credit; and

(b) if so, what are the main recommendations of the Study Group and what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI P. C. SETHI) : (a) and (b) The Study Group appointed by the National Credit Council under the Chairmanship of Dr. D. R. Gadgil has submitted its report and it is engaging the attention of the Reserve Bank of India. A summary of the main recommendations of the Study Group is attached. [See Appendix LXX, Annexure No. 28.]

L.I.C. INVESTMENTS

552. S. D. MISRA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what are the reasons for the decline in the Life Insurance Corporation investments in the private sector from 2.7 per cent to 1.7 per cent;

(b) whether it is a fact that it is difficult for the Life Insurance Corporation to participate in the management of the private firms since it has "investments in over 1,000 companies; and

(c) if so, whether arrangements are being made for the participation by Life Insurance Corporation in the management of companies in which Life Insurance Corporation investment amounted to more than 10 per cent

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR) : (a) The decline in the proportion of its funds invested by the L.I.C. in the private sector is due to heavier investments, as a matter of policy, in the public and cooperative sectors.

(b) and (c) The question of participation by the L.I.C. in the management of companies in which it has a sizeable investment is under consideration of Government.

OF HAMYCIN

553. SHRI S. D. MISRA : Will the PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the clinical tests, carried out by foreign companies of an anti-fungal drug developed and being marketed in India by the Hindustan Antibiotics Ltd., Pimpri and named as Hamycin, have resulted in favour of the drug;

(b) if so, what are the prospects of its being sold in the world market; and

(c) what are the special features of the drug and what foreign exchange is likely to be earned by its export?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS (SHRI D. R. CHAVAN) : (a) M/s. Cooper/Sherman Laboratories of U.S.A. are actively pursuing the clinical trials in respect of Hamycin with a view to submit to the authorities in U.S.A., its successful application as a drug at an early date. As soon as this is achieved this product could be placed in the market in that country.