

(c) the names of those assesseees against whom these arrears are outstanding for the last five or more years?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI MORARJI R. DESAI): (a) to (c). The requisite information is not readily available and is being collected. It will be laid on the Table of the House as early as possible.

FINANCES FOR AGRICULTURE AND SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES

112. **SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:**

SHRI G. R. PATIL:

SHRI S. B. BOBDEY:

Will the Minister of **FINANCE** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the directions given by the Reserve Bank of India to commercial banks as regards the supply of finances for Agriculture and Small Scale Industries were not fully complied with by the commercial banks till March 1969; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI MORARJI R. DESAI):

(a) and (b) In the light of the guidelines set by the National Credit Council regarding commercial banks' lending to agriculture and small-scale industries, the Reserve Bank held individual discussions with 20 major banks. The targets indicated by these banks were that credit to agriculture and small-scale industries would rise by Rs. 44 crores and Rs. 74 crores respectively during July-June 1968-69. Since June, 1968 these banks have increased their advances to agriculture by Rs. 33.17 crores and small-scale industries by Rs. 41.31 crores. Progress in this regard is being watched by the Reserve Bank. It is hoped that by the end of June, 1969 the banks might realise the targets.

COAL-BASED FERTILIZER PLANTS

113. **SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:**

SHRI G. R. PATIL:

SHRI S. B. BOBDEY:

Will the **MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Expert Team sent abroad to study coal-based Fertilizer Plants has recommended adoption of Koppers Totzek process for Coal gasification; and

(b) if so, whether there is any possibility to utilise this process for establishing coal-based plants in India and the total capital investment and capacity which will be created and the places where the plants are proposed to be installed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS (SHRI D. R. CHAVAN): (a) Yes.

(b) The matter is under consideration.

INDIAN DRUGS AND PHARMACEUTICALS LTD., RISHIKESH

114. **SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:**

SHRI G. R. PATIL:

SHRI S. B. BOBDEY:

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

(a) whether any suggestion has been received by Government from the Indian Management to improve the working of the Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Ltd., Rishikesh and if so, what is the nature of such suggestion:

(b) whether any suggestion has been received, after the visit of Mr. S. Skachkov, from Russian Experts employed therein or from those who accompanied the Russian Minister; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to improve the working of the Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals, Rishikesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS (SHRI D R CHAVAN)

(a) Yes The Chairman and Managing Director, Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Ltd, has made some suggestions to improve the economics of the Antibiotics Project, Rishikesh. Mostly they are of a financial nature. One suggestion relates to the improvement of the packing of products.

(b) Yes Suggestions are being received from the Soviet experts at the plant for modifications to be made in the existing system.

(c) The suggestions will be considered further in consultation with the Board of Directors.

OFF-SHORE DRILLING OF OIL

115 SHRI A G KULKARNI

SHRI G R PATIL

SHRI S B BOBDEY

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS be pleased to state

(a) whether Government have taken any decision on the various proposals regarding getting collaboration from foreign countries for 'Off-Shore Drilling' of oil,

(b) if so, which proposal Government have accepted, and

(c) what is the present production of 'Crude' in India and how Government propose to increase it so as to stop imports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES

AND METALS (SHRI D R CHAVAN) (a) No. The matter is under examination of Government.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The production of crude oil during 1968-69 was 6 million tonnes approximately. The production of crude oil by the end of the Fourth Plan is estimated at about 10 million tonnes per annum. Although efforts are being made to increase production of crude oil, it is not possible to prognosticate when India will become self-sufficient in crude oil.

दिल्ली के अस्पतालों में हड़ताल के दौरान रोगियों की मृत्यु

116 श्री निरजन वर्मा : क्या स्वास्थ्य तथा परिवार नियोजन और निर्माण, आवास और नगर विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) हाल ही में जब दिल्ली के अस्पतालों के डाक्टरों ने हड़ताल कर रखी थी तो उस अवधि के दौरान चिकित्सा के अभाव में कितने रोगियों की मृत्यु हो गई, और

(ख) जिन दो डाक्टरों को नौकरी से हटा दिया गया था उनके विरुद्ध क्या आरोप थे ?

†[DEATH OF PATIENTS DURING STRIKE IN DELHI HOSPITALS]

116 SHRI NIRANJAN VARMA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING AND WORKS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state

(a) the number of patients who died for want of treatment during the period when the doctors in Delhi Hospitals were on strike recently, and

(b) the details of the charges against the two doctors who were removed from service ?]

†[] English translation