

REQUIREMENT OF CORKS

220. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the estimated annual requirement of corks in the country;
- (b) how much of it is manufactured here now; and
- (c) how the shortage, if any, is met?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI T. T. KRISHNA-MACHARI): (a) About Rs. 32 lakhs worth of cork products (including insulation corks). Information in terms of quantity is not available.

- (b) About Rs. 18 lakhs worth.
- (c) By imports.

PLANT FOR PRODUCTION OF SYNTHETIC OIL

221. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for PRODUCTION be pleased to state:

- (a) what progress has been made towards setting up the proposed Synthetic Petroleum Plant in the country;
- (b) who are the consultants for this project; and
- (c) how long it will take to commence production of this petrol?

THE MINISTER FOR PRODUCTION (SHRI K. C. REDDY): (a) The experts Committee on Synthetic Oil Project have submitted their report, which is under examination. No final decision in the matter has yet been taken by Government.

(b) Consultants are not yet chosen, that will be done only when a decision is taken to take up the Project.

(c) At this stage it is not possible to give an answer.

MANUFACTURE OF CLOCKS IN INDIA

222. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of firms that are manufacturing clocks in India; and
- (b) what is their total production capacity at present?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI T. T. KRISHNA-MACHARI): (a) Three firms.

(b) About 28,000 clocks per annum.

आयात की हुई पेनिसिलीन और पिम्परी के कारखाने में बनी पेनिसिलीन की क्वालिटी

२२३. श्री नवाब सिंह चौहान : क्या उत्पादन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को भारतीय जनता की इस आम धारणा की सूचना है कि विदेशों से आयात की हुई पेनिसिलीन पिम्परी में निम्नित पेनिसिलीन से अच्छी होती है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह धारणा सही है ; और यदि नहीं, तो सरकार ने इस सम्बन्ध में क्या कार्यवाही की है ?

THE QUALITY OF THE IMPORTED PENICILLIN AND OF THAT PRODUCED AT PLMPRI FACTORY

223. SHRI NAWAB SINGH CHAUHAN : Will the Minister for PRODUCTION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the general belief in India that the penicillin imported from abroad is superior in quality to the penicillin produced at Pimpri ; and

(b) if so, whether this belief is justified; and if not, what steps Government have taken in the matter?!

उत्पादन मंत्री (श्री के० सी० रेड्डी) : (क) देश में ऐसी आम धारणा होने को सरकार को कोई पता नहीं है। पिम्परी में बनी पेनिसिलीन के कम अच्छा होने के बारे में सरकार को कोई शिकायत नहीं मिली है।

(ख) भारत में की गई जांच तथा यू० के० और संयुक्त राज्य अमेरिका में किए गए परीक्षणों के अनुसार पिम्परी में बनी पेनिसिलीन उन दोनों देशों में बनी पेनिसिलीन की ही तरह गुणकारी है। हिन्दुस्तान एंटीबायोटिक्स लिमिटेड की वस्तुओं के प्रचार सम्बन्धी प्रकाशनों में पिम्परी की पेनिसिलीन के अच्छे गुणों का वर्णन सदैव किया जाता है।

THE MINISTER FOR PRODUCTION (SHRI K. C. REDDY): (a) The Government are not aware of any such general belief in the country. No complaints in regard to the relative inferiority of the penicillin produced at Pimpri have so far been received by the Government.

(b) It has been established by tests made within the country as well as in

fEnglish translation.