

CONSTRUCTION OF ATOMIC REACTOR IN INDIA

*31. SHRI SARDAR SINGH OF KHETRI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state when the Atomic Reactor which is at present under construction in India is likely to be completed?

THE PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON): By about the middle of this year.

TRAINING CENTRE FOR MANUFACTURE OF MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

*32. DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: Will the Minister for PRODUCTION be pleased to state:

(a) how many persons are expected to be trained and employed at the proposed training centre for manufacture of musical instruments at Madras; and

(b) what will be the annual expenditure on this centre?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR PRODUCTION (SHRI SATISH CHANDRA): (a) The Centre for imparting training in the manufacture of musical instruments was established at Madras on 2-1-56. Twenty students are expected to be trained there.

(b) The estimated expenditure for the first year is Rs. 52,200.

SALE OF PENICILLIN MANUFACTURED IN THE FACTORY AT PIMPRI

*33. DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: Will the Minister for PRODUCTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether penicillin manufactured in the factory at Pimpri is now available for sale to the public;

(b) if so, how much penicillin was sold to the public and how much was supplied to the Government hospitals and dispensaries upto the end of January 1956; and

(c) how its retail sale price compares with that of the imported penicillin?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR PRODUCTION (SHRI SATISH CHANDRA): (a) Yes.

(b) 187,000 mega units have been sold in bulk to companies owning bottling plants in India. The quantity supplied by them to Government hospitals and dispensaries is not known.

(c) A comparative statement of prices of the important saleable brands of Penicillin in the country is laid on the Table of House. [See Appendix XII, Annexure No. 8.]

INSTALLATION OF RAIN GAUGES IN HIMALAYAN CATCHMENTS

*34. MOULANA M. FARUQI: Will the Minister for IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state the progress made so far in installing the rain gauges in the Himalayan catchments of the different rivers flowing into Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, West Bengal and Assam?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI J. S. L. HATHI): 28 rain gauges have been set up so far, ten in Bhutan, nine in Nepal, one in Sikkim, four in Uttar Pradesh and four in Assam and the N.E.F.A. area.

De jure TRANSFER OF PONDICHERRY TO INDIA

*35. SHRIMATI VIOLET ALVA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state whether the French Government have finalised the plan for the *de jure* transfer of Pondicherry to India and if not, what are the reasons for the delay?

THE PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON): Due to preoccupations of the French Government with