

(d) if so, the details thereof, and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHHATTRA PAL SINGH) : (a) and (b) The details of production and consumption of elastomers during the last 3 years are as follows :—

Year	Elastomers	
	Production MT	Consumption MT
1999-2000	71538	164788
2000-2001	77526	163465
2001-2002	79372	176117

Data of production and consumption in respect of Synthetic Detergents is not being separately maintained.

(c) to (e) The Elastomers and Detergent Industry is delicensed. The setting up of such projects depends on the techno economic feasibility.

Prices of Becosules and Corax

4363. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA :
SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK :

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that medicines Becosules and Corax are the number one and number two products in the Indian Pharmaceutical market; and

(b) whether the prices for these two products have been approved, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHHATTRA PAL SINGH) : (a) As per "Monthly Retail Pharma Audit Report" of M/s. ORG-MARG for the month of December, 2002, the two medicines, namely, Becosules and Corax occupy the top two ranks (sale value wise) among the products marketed in trade channel.

(b) Becosules capsules and Becosules Syrup are Scheduled formulations under the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1995 and these products are sold at Prices fixed/notified by the Government/National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA). Corax is a non-Scheduled formulation. Prices of non-Scheduled formulations are fixed by the manufacturers themselves keeping in view the various factors like cost of production, marketing/selling expenses, R&D expenses, trade commission, market competition, product innovation, product quality etc.

Handing over of PPL to Zuari Moraq Phosphates

4364. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

- (a) when was the strategic control of Paradeep Phosphates Ltd. (PPL) handed over to Zuari Moraq Phosphates;
- (b) whether any proceed from disinvestment of PPL has been received so far;
- (c) if so, the actual amount and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the value of fixed assets including plant and machinery; and
- (e) the capacity utilization of the plant before disinvestment and the actual figure as available after disinvestment?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA) : (a) to (c) After disinvestment of 74% of GOI equity in Paradeep Phosphates Ltd. (PPL) for a consideration of Rs. 151.70 crore, the management control of the company was transferred to the strategic buyer, M/s. Zuari Moraq Phosphates Private Limited on 28-2-2002.

(d) and (e) As per the audited accounts, the fixed assets net block of PPL as on 31-3-2001 was Rs. 295.20 crore and the networth was Rs. 1.15 crore. The capacity utilization of DAP/NPK fertilizers was 29% from 1-4-2001 to 28-2-2002 and 97% from 1-3-2002 to 30-9-2002.

R and D Fund for drug industry

4365. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

- (a) whether it is a fact that R and D fund of around 150 crores was proposed by the Finance Minister in 1999 Budget speech for the drug industry; and