

VRS in IDPL

1735. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

SHRI GAYA SINGH:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that majority of the workers in the various units of the Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Limited, (IDPL) have accepted the Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS);

(b) if so, the strength of the employees including officers in each of the IDPL units, how many of them have accepted VRS offer and how many have not;

(c) what are the terms of the VRS and when it is going to be implemented; and

(d) what will be the fate of the employees who have not accepted the VRS proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHHATRAPAL SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Out of the total 6592 employees, 6531 have responded to the recent VRS introduced in IDPL as per extant Government policy. A statement showing the break-up of the employees who have responded to the VRS is enclosed (*See* below). Separation of these employees under VRS is dependant on the availability of funds with IDPL. Rs. 150 crore has already been released by the Government of India for this purpose.

(d) The VRS has been introduced with, inter-alia, the clarification that for employees who do not opt for VRS within this period, VRS may not be given to them in future and only retrenchment compensation will be applicable. However, the future of the company and of the remaining employees would depend upon the revival by way of change of management being undertaken by the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction.

Statement*No. of employees including officers in each of the units of IDPL*

Sl. No.		Total Manpower	VRS optees	not applied for
1.	Rishikesh Plant	2137	2104	33
2.	Hyderabad Plant	2836	2823	13
3.	Gurgaon Plant	538	534	4
4.	Marketing Divn. (RSOs)	541	535	6
5.	Head Office	105	105	—
6.	IDPL (Tamil Nadu) Ltd.	239	237	2
7.	BDOCL Muzaffarpur	196	193	3
TOTAL:		6592	6531	61

Neem mixed fertilizer

1736. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Neem has been proved to be very useful fertilizers and Neem mixed fertilizer has increased crop yields to a large extent;

(b) if so, whether extensive test have been conducted in this regard;

(c) the details of the tests; and

(d) when this Neem mixed Urea would be used on large scale in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHHATRAPAL SINGH): (a) to (d) In most cases (based on multi locational trials), the crop yield increase with Neem mixed fertilizer is marginal and inconsistent. At present, some companies are producing and marketing Neem coated urea/Neem coating agents.