

**Promotional Avenues for Women  
Staff in I.O.C.**

4137. SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of PETROLUM be pleased to state the details of promotional avenues for the women staff in Indian Oil Corporation and other units under his Ministry ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : There are no separate rules for the promotion of female employees of the Indian Oil Corporation and promotions to various categories of posts are made in accordance with the agreed promotion policies which cover female as well as male employees.

**Industry in Cannanore**

4138. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any industry under the Union Government in the industrially backward district of Cannanore ;

(b) if so, give the names and nature of those industries ; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to start new agro-based industries in Cannanore district keeping in view the availability of agricultural products like rubber, cashew, coconut etc. ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) to (c) : Under the administrative control of the Ministry of Industry and Company Affairs, no industry has been set up in Cannanore (Kerala) nor there is any proposal; under consideration of this Ministry, for setting up agro-based industry in that district.

**Production and Import of Antibiotics**

4139. SHRIMATI N. P. JHANSI LAKSHMI : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether production of many antibiotics is below targeted capacity and also lower than previous year's production ;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof ;

(c) the target and production year-wise antibiotics wise, for last three years and reasons for shortfall ; and

(d) the quantity of each of these antibiotics imported and foreign exchange spent in the last three years (year-wise) ?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL) : (a) to (d) : The Country has achieved near self-sufficiency in many antibiotics. There had been negligible import of penicillin, streptomycin, erythromycin and doxycycline. The total imports of antibiotics has been declining as below :

Rear	c.i.f. value of Import (Rs. in Crores)
1981-82	11.00
1982-83	8.7
1983-84	5.5

These imports mainly consists of tetracycline, oxytetracycline, Gentamycin, ampicillin and amoxicillin. Imports are due to inadequate production due to reasons such as technological problems, industrial relations, cheaper imports and raw material constraints. Details of production and import of these antibiotics is as per Statement attached.