

for kidney patients and the high prices at which the drug is available in the country; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS : (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL) : (a) and (b). This Ministry monitors the market availability of essential and life saving drugs, based on the reports received from the State Drug Controllers, the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation and Public Complaints. Though some reports of localised shortage of Imuran tablets, the drug of choice of Kidney patients, produced by M/s. Wellcome Foundation, U.K. have been received, the authorised stockists of Imuran tablets have reported sufficient stocks with them. They are being advised to rush stocks to the reported areas of shortages.

Efforts are being made to get these tablets imported through the agency of Super Bazar, New Delhi.

[*Translation*]

Waiting Lists for new Telephone Connections in Major Cities

117. SHRI MOHD, MAHFOOJ ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons in the waiting lists for telephone connection in major cities of the country since 1982;

(b) whether Government propose to provide telephone connections to all the persons on the waiting lists during the Seventh Five Year Plan;

(c) if so, how and the outlines of the action programme in this regard; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) The number of persons in the waiting list for telephone connections in major cities of the country since April, 1982 is given in the attached statement.

(b) Yes, Sir. The waiting list as on 1.4.85 in these cities is proposed to be cleared progressively during the 7th Plan, subject to availability of adequate resources.

(c) Action is being taken to expand the existing telephone exchanges wherever feasible and to open new exchanges in order to clear the existing waiting lists. Action is also being taken to augment the production capacity of the switching equipments. Everything, however, will depend on the extent of funds made available to the Department in the 7th Plan.

(d) Question does not arise.

STATEMENT

Sr. No	City	Waiting list on			
		1.4.82	1.4.83	1.4.84	1.4.85
1.	Bombay	1,52,904	1,57,019	1,63,841	1,66,153
2.	Calcutta	26,992	27,058	29,615	25,550
3.	Delhi	89,762	1,08,065	1,11,873	1,31,862
4.	Madras	21,000	27,451	33,570	33,242
5.	Ahmedabad	20,546	24,376	28,076	27,473
6.	Bangalore	10,046	12,803	18,786	20,759
7.	Hyderabad	15,488	21,579	28,575	31,661
8.	Kanpur	5,118	4,194	5,013	7,343

9. Pune	10,326	12,264	16,656	18,968
10. Chandigarh	7,018	4,838	6,374	8,973
11. Jaipur	8,956	6,071	7,811	8,283
12. Lucknow	2,219	2,581	1,598	1,579
13. Patna	2,060	1,922	2,824	3,211
14. Trivandrum	2,784	3,258	4,646	3,931

Induction of Mirage-2000 Fighters Planes in I A F.

118. SHRI R M. BHOYE:
PROF. K.K. TEWARY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the first instalment of the latest model of Mirage 2000 received from France recently has been added to the Indian Air Force;

(b) if so, the details regarding their capacity and use indicating the expenditure likely to be incurred thereof;

(c) when the rest of the contracted number will be delivered; and

(d) whether fighter aircrafts from other sources, say Mig-29s, are also in the pipeline?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI P.V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The Mirage 2000 is a contemporary multi-role aircraft capable of use in both air-defence and strike roles. It would not be in public interest to further information in disclose this regard.

(d) The question of obtaining high technology aircraft from other sources is under examination.

[English]

Encouragement to Small Scale Garment Producers

119. SHRI ANANTA PRASAD SETHI:
Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have given encouragement for producing more garments to the small scale units registered with the Industrial Department in the State;

(b) if so, the number of such small scale units producing ready-made garments in the State of Orissa; and

(c) the total estimated employment in the industrial field in the State of Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir. Govt. have given all possible encouragement for producing more garments by the small Scale units. For this purpose, the item "readymade garments" has been reserved for exclusive production in the small scale sector.

(b) and (c). As reported by the Government of Orissa in September, 84, there were 12 readymade garment factories employing 291 persons. Figures about total employment in the industrial field in Orissa are not available.

Capacity Utilisation of Garden Reach Shipyard Workshop for Manufacture of rigs and Platforms for oil Drilling

120. SHRI AMAL DATTA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the garden Reach Shipyard Workshop has necessary capacity and expertise for the manufacture of rigs and platforms for oil drillings;

(b) if so, whether the said capacity is being properly utilized by the ONGC; and

(c) if so, the details of the said utilisation?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE : (SHRI P.V. NARASIMHA RAO) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.