Reports of Working Group of NDPDC

170. SHRI SARFARAZ AHMAD; SHRI TARIO ANWAR: SHRI ANIL BASU:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the reports of the working group of National Drugs and Pharmaceutical Development Council do not contain any study but contain various view points:
- (b) whether the said reports contain study of the effect of existing policy on price line and profitability:
- (c) whether it is a fact that the report of NDPDC does not contain any recommendations:
- (d) whether the report is being processed by the Government; and
 - (e) if so, the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND INDUSTRY **AFFAIRS** AND COMPANY VEERENDRA PATIL); (a) and (b). The Working Groups constituted by the National Drugs and Pharmaceutical Development Council took into consideration various aspects relating to production, pricing, profitability etc.

- (c) Recommendations with various alternatives wherever necessary are contained in the National Drugs and Pharmaceutical Development Council Report,
- (d) and (e). Government would take a decision on the changes/modification needed in the Drug Policy keeping in view all the relevant factors and various view points.

Ordnance Factory at Medak

- 171. SHRI E. AYYAPU REDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:
- (a) the total investment made so far on the Ordnance Factory at Medak; and
- (b) the approximate year in which the Ordnance Factory at Medak is likely to go into production?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RA.O), (a) and (b), Based on the preliminary estimates, the approximate cost of setting up the Ordnance Factory, Medak will be of the order of Rs. 421 crores.

Various activities like civil works etc. are progressing satisfactorily and according to the production schedules drawn in consultation with the collaborators.

It will not be in public interest to disclose further details in this regard

Units Manufacturing LPG Cylinders in Andhra Pradesh

- 172. SHRI E. AYYAPU REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of units manufacturing LPG cylinders in Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) the total installed capacity of these units:
- (c) the demands of the O.N.G.C. in the year 1984-85 and the various units in Andhra Pradesh; and
- (d) whether the manufacture of the gas cylinders exceeds the demand and whether these units are facing closure on account of lack of demand for the manufacture of gas cylinders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) Fourteen units.

- (b) 37.00 lakhs LPG cylinders/per annum.
- (c) The requirement of the marketing Oil Companies (not ONGC) for cylinders during 1984-85 was 50 lakhs cylinders and order placed on various units in Andhra Pradesh was 23.36 lakhs.
- (d) The manufacturing capacity of LPG cylinders in the country exceeds the requirements of the Oil Industry. Those units which have obtained clearance from the Oil Industry Technical Committee are being given orders for cylinders by the Oil Industry.

Pending Applications for New Telephone Connections in Hyderabad and Secunderabad (Andbra Pradesh)

173. SHRI E. AYYAPU REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state: