

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) and (b). The Export-Import Policy (1992-97) as amended up to 31st March, 1995 has deleted Vitamin B-12 from the Negative List of Imports (Restricted Items) in the Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Sector.

(c) to (e). The Policy measures in the Modifications in Drug Policy, 1986 aim at, *inter-alia*, strengthening the indigenous capability for production of drugs.

[Translation]

Fall in Pesticides Production

5679. DR. AMRIT LAL KALIDAS PATEL : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a fall has been registered in the production of Pesticides during the last three years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the programme being prepared by the Government to meet the demand-supply gap of pesticides?

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

[English]

Funds for Jaipur Development Authority

5680. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE : Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have a proposal to sanction funds to the State Government of Rajasthan for implementing the proposals of Jaipur Development Authority to set up 14 satellite towns around the Pink city; and

(b) if so, the total cost of the project and the funds allocated proposed to be allocated by the Union Government for that purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI P.K. THUNGON) : (a) No, Sir. No such proposal has been received.

(b) Does not arise.

Establishment of F.P.I.

5681. SHRI JITENDRA NATH DAS : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have made any survey to identify the areas to set up food processing Industries; and

(b) if so, outcome of this survey?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI) : (a) and (b). While no such Survey has been conducted by this Ministry, the Ministry under its Plan Schemes provides financial assistance for such studies to the State Governments or their agencies, recognised organisations of the industry etc. During the first 3 years of the 8th Plan period such assistance has been provided in respect of proposals received from the States of Assam, West Bengal, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram Orissa, Tamilnadu, Karnataka, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh etc. Most of the studies indicate the good potential for the development of Food Processing Industries.

Investment Treaty with USA

5682. SHRIMATI BHAVNA CHIKHLIA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether USA is keen to sign a bilateral investment treaty with India;

(b) if so, whether India has given its final approval; and

(c) if so, by when it is likely to be signed?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The two Governments have exchanged their respective model texts. Formal negotiations have not commenced.

Godavari Fertilizers and Chemicals Limited

5683. DR. K.V.R. CHOWDARY : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to privatise the Godavari Fertilizers and Chemicals Limited in view of the steep fall in its profits; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?