

New Radio Station in Orissa in Sixth Plan

2116. SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry propose to open new Radio Stations in the State of Orissa during Sixth Plan; and

(b) if so, the places selected for the proposed Radio Stations in that State?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Formulation work allotted to Multi-national Drug Coy. by Antibiotic Ltd., Pimpri

2117. SHRI R. K. MHALGI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Hindustan Antibiotics Ltd., Pimpri (Pune, Maharashtra) have allotted the work in its section of formulation to a large multi-National Drug Company;

(b) if so, since when;

(c) how much total amount so far paid by Hindustan Antibiotics Limited to the said Multi-National Company:

(d) whether HAL have given chance and trial to any small scale Industry in the State or locality; and

(e) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA): Yes, Sir. Hindustan Antibiotics Ltd. has entrusted some work mainly vialing of Benzly Penicillin Sodium 5 lacs and 10 lacs dosage to M/s. Merck Sharp & Dohme of India Ltd., Bombay, on loan licence basis from March 1978 at the rate of 10-12 lakh vials per

month. This has been done after ascertaining from several other viallers whether they would be willing to do so and also after ensuring that the capacity available in HAL for vialling is fully utilised and that there is no small scale industry engaged in the sterile filling of dry powder (antibiotics) for injectable purposes.

(c) Rs. 32.95 lakhs has been paid to the said M/s. Merck, Sharp & Dohme towards charges for conversion, including the cost of glass vials and rubber stoppers.

(d) Yes, Sir. For formulations other than (sterile) injectables, HAL had entered into loan licensing arrangements with two small scales units, one of which still continues to be operative.

(e) Does not arise.

Representation regarding "Mrudung"

2118. SHRI R. K. MHALGI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government received a written representation in the year 1978 from one Shri Shankararao Mangalvedhakar, Principal of Maharashtra Sangeet Vidyalay, Pandhapur (Maharashtra) regarding "Mrudung" and Government's attitude;

(b) if so, what are the suggestions and demands made in the said representation; and

(c) what action have Government taken or propose to take soon in regard to the suggestions and demands in the said representation?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. A representation from Shri Shankararao Mangalvedhakar was received on 21-12-78 in which the following suggestions and demands have been made:—

(i) Solo recitals of Mrudung (Pakhawaj) from AIR Stations