

**Production Capacity of Hindustan Insecticides Ltd.**

7363. SHRI D. D. DESAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production capacity of Hindustan Insecticides Ltd. has fallen resulting in shortage of a wide variety of important pesticides and insecticides;

(b) if so, whether this has created a blackmarket for pesticides; and

(c) the steps taken to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA): (a) No, Sir. Hindustan Insecticides Limited produce only DDT and BHC technical, the production of which during 1978-79 was an all time record of 6403 tonnes.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

**Publicity policy and growth of language dailies**

7364. SHRI SACHINDRA LAL SINGHA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the in-country publicity policy of the Ministry;

(b) whether it has been brought to the notice of his Ministry that there is no proper growth of language dailies in various States particularly in backward areas;

(c) if so, whether some officials of his Ministry have met the language press editors of the different States;

(d) if so, the details thereof during the last two years, date-wise;

(e) the details of the arrangement made up-to-date by the Publicity Department to feed the language press with the up-to-date development; and

(f) the result achieved?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) Government publicity essentially aims at informing the people in the country about the Government policies and programmes in an objective and impartial manner.

(b) There has been a general feeling in the language Press about the need for Government assistance in regard to their growth and development. Government's decision in regard to the future of News Agencies duly kept this in view. The Press Commission has also been asked to examine this aspect.

(c) and (d). The meeting of the officials with language press representatives is a normal and continuous feature. No separate records as such are kept about these meetings. However, Principal Information Officer of the Press Information Bureau recently held regional conferences at Hyderabad, Bombay and Calcutta where he met the language press editors and representatives. He also had a meeting with language press editors and journalists at Jaipur when he visited that place in January, 1979.

(e) A statement is attached.

(f) This has resulted in increasing coverage of the developmental activities in the language press, creating a greater awareness and understanding among the people about the programmes and policies launched by the Government for social and economic betterment of the country.

**Statement**

Press Information Bureau releases information data etc. to the newspapers in the country in all languages. Of late, increasing emphasis is being

laid on reaching this information to language small and medium newspapers as fast as possible. Besides, news releases, Press Notes and other information material, photographs, eboid blocks and Charbas (for Urdu Papers) are being supplied for use by small and medium newspapers. The number of features for which there is substantial demand from small and medium papers in all languages has been increased. Some exclusive services are also being provided for use by small and medium papers language papers such as Gramin Patra Seva, Saptahik Samachar Samiksha, Vigyan Patrika, Krishi Patrika etc. Accreditation rules have also been amended to facilitate accreditation for small papers who can join together to reach the minimum standard of circulation for eligibility of accreditation. The Press Parties taken out by the Press Information Bureau from Headquarters and Regional Centres also include a growing number of representatives from Indian language Press. In a few cases the language papers have also been induced to send their correspondents to accompany the Prime Minister on his tours abroad by offering them partially free passage.

#### Mini Steel Plant in Goa

7365. SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been demands to set up a mini steel plant in Goa;

(b) if so, by whom and when were these demands made;

(c) whether Government have accepted this proposal; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI KARIA MUNDA): (a) No request for setting up an electric arc furnace unit, commonly known as mini steel plant, in Goa, is pending with the Department of Steel.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

#### Release of Gentamycin to M/s. Indian Schering and C. E. Fulford

7366. SHRI MOTIBHAI R. CHAUDHARY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government stopped release of Gentamycin to Indian Schering and C.E. Fulford, if so, stocks available with both these companies on 1st April, 1978, details of procurements of Gentamycin from different sources thereafter date-wise and total quantities procured so far, and

(b) in case both companies have procured Gentamycin from sources other than canalising agencies, what action has been taken against both of them for violation of provisions of Industries (Development and Regulation) Act. ITC policy etc.?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA): (a) Yes. Sir, the release of Gentamycin by CPC to M/s. Indian Schering and C.E. Fulford in 1978-79 has been stopped.

The information with regard to stocks available with them on 1st April, 1978 details of procurement of Gentamycin from different sources thereafter and total quantities procured so far is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(b) Does not arise at this stage in view of reply to part (a) above.

#### Setting up of Petro-Chemical Plant at Haldia

7367. SHRI KRISHNA CHANDRA HALDAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to set up a Petro-chemical plant at Haldia during the Sixth Five Year Plan; and