

(b) to (d). The offers received are under consideration. A decision is expected to be taken soon. The Honourable Member would appreciate that it will not be in the public interest to disclose further details at this stage.

Film produced by Government of Tripura

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Government of Tripura produced three films;

(b) if so, the details of the film and the amount spent for that;

(c) whether these films were shown in Delhi; and

(d) if not, the reason thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) to (d). Information is being collected from the State Government of Tripura and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Prices of Erythromycin Stearate Produced by M/s. Themis Pharmaceuticals

14. SHRI S. S. DAS: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that declared price of Erythromycin Stearate manufactured by M/s. Themis Pharmaceuticals were not accepted whereas prices of several other foreign companies were accepted;

(b) what are the reasons for this discrimination; and

(c) whether D.P.R.C. have been recommending prices of bulk drugs without basing them on any guideline

if so, whether recommendations of DPRC were accepted with the approval of Minister?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA): (a) Government is empowered under paragraph 4 of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1970 to fix the prices of Essential Bulk Drugs after such enquiry as it deems fit for the purpose. Accordingly, Government fixed a price of Rs. 1300/- per kg. for Erythromycin Stearate which is one of the Essential Bulk Drugs. For an essential bulk drug like Erythromycin, the question of acceptance of declared prices does not arise.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Drugs prices Review Committee makes its recommendations in regard to the prices of indigenously produced bulk drugs either on the basis of the cost study conducted by the BICP or keeping in view the prices of imported drugs fixed for CPC/IDPL, import content per unit of production, existing prices approved for such bulk drugs and such other relevant considerations. Decision on the recommendations made by the D.P.R.C. is taken with the approval of competent authority.

Functions of Committees which organised Seventh International Film Festival

15. SHRI L. L. KAPOOR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Seventh International Film Festival was held in New Delhi in January 1979;

(b) if so, whether special Committees were constituted for the organisation of the Festival;

(c) details of the different committees, the functions of these committees, the names of the members of these committees;