

6. बन्धीगढ़	कुछ नहीं
7. नरसिंह	कुछ नहीं
8. सिधौर	कुछ नहीं
9. पाण्डुरी	कुछ नहीं
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Government Advertisements for an Orissa Daily

8314. SHRI PADMACHARAN SAMANTASINHERA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) is it a fact that in the Orissa state there is only one English Newspaper "The News of the World" which has applied for advertisements of the Government with other facilities;

(b) if so, when that concern applied for and what action has yet been taken;

(c) how many newspapers have applied for advertisements and subsidies with paper-wise and State-wise figures; and

(d) how much amount has been granted in the form of advertisement to the newspapers, paper-wise and reasons for those which are not been given?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) and (b). "The News of the World" is the only English Daily published from Cuttack, Orissa. The Daily made its first application for DAVP advertisements in the year 1976 and since then continues to receive DAVP advertisements subject to publicity requirement. The Daily did not, however, apply for newsprint quota for the year 1976-79, though an advance of 50 mts of newsprint was made available to it from the buffer-stock of State Trading Corporation in November, 1976.

(c) No subsidy as such is provided to the newsprints. The State-wise number of newspapers which applied for DAVP advertisements during the year 1978-79 is being compiled and this information will be laid on the Table of the Sabha in due course.

(d) Amount paid to newspapers/ periodicals individually is treated as confidential in public interest. However, no newspaper is refused advertisement provided it satisfies the conditions as laid down in the Government Policy.

Working Group and Grant of Autonomy to Films Division

8315. SHRI SUBHASH CHANDRA BOSE ALLURI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a working Group has been set up to study the feasibility of granting autonomy to the Films Division; and

(b) if so, by what time the report will be submitted to the Government?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) It has been decided to appoint a Working Group to study the structure and functions of the Films Division in the field of production and distribution of documentaries and newsreels for public exhibition and to examine the feasibility of converting the Films Division into an autonomous organisation, having regard to functional, financial and other related aspects. The Working Group will be headed by Shri Hrishikesh Mukherjee, an eminent film maker and will consist of the following members:—

1. Kumari Mehra Masani
2. Dr. Dharamveer Bharati
3. Shri P. Rama Reddy
4. Shri Fali Billimoria
5. Shri M. V. Krishnaswamy
6. Shri Chidananda Dasgupta

7. Shri L. Kumar

8. Shri S. M. Patankar

9. Shri N. V. K. Murthy

10. Shri R. K. Shastri, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting—Member—Secretary.

(b) The Working Group will be required to submit its report within six months from the date of the first meeting.

रक्षा वस्तुओं का आयात

8316. श्री हुकम देव नारायण यादव : क्या उप प्रधानमंत्री तथा रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) वर्ष 1975 से 1978 तक देशवार और कम्पनी वार कितनी कीमत की रक्षा वस्तुओं का आयात किया गया; और

(ख) उन कम्पनियों अथवा व्यापारियों के नाम क्या हैं जिनके नाम इस बीच वाली सूची से निकाले गये हैं और क्या उनकी बकाया राशि का पूरापूर किया गया है और यदि हाँ तो उक्त राशि कितनी है।

उप प्रधानमंत्री तथा रक्षा मंत्री (श्री जयजीवन राव) : (क) और (ख) माननीय सदस्य का ध्यान 3-4-1979 के प्रश्न संख्या 5821 के उत्तर की ओर दिलाया जाता है।

Life Saving Drugs

8317. SHRI SURENDRA BIKRAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:—

(a) which are those life saving drugs which have been made cheap and what are their uses;

(b) what were their previous prices and what are the prices after reduction; and

(c) is Government considering steps to make more important medicines cheaper and if yes, when it will be done?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA): (a) Prices of 879 packs of formulations (including 36 packs where reductions were effected twice) were reduced after February, 1978. Some of the essential and life saving formulations prices of which have been reduced are based on the following bulk drugs:—

Sl. No.	Name of the Bulk Drug	Group to which belong
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1.	Oxytetracycline and its salts and derivatives	Antibiotics
2.	Genamycin	Do.
3.	Chlortetracycline	Do.
4.	Chloramphenicol	Do.
5.	Trimethoprim and Sulfamethoxazole	Anti-infective
6.	Ethambutol	ti-T.B.
7.	Refamycin	Do.

(b) A statement showing pre-revised and post-revised prices of some formulations and their end uses is attached.

(c) The price reductions indicated in part (a) above include the price reductions consequent to the notification of leader prices in terms of para 12 of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1978, which has replaced the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1970, with effect from 31-3-79. Government would not hesitate to reduce the prices of more formulations if such reduction is warranted as a result of cost studies being conducted by the BICP or for any other good reason.