

(c) and (d). Police have made inquiries and seized the stock of various batches of the preparation in question from the manufacturer.

Assam Sugar Mills Ltd.

413. SHRI PURUSHOTTAM KAKODKAR: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 5146 on the 19th December, 1974 regarding Assam Sugar Mills Limited and state whether the matter has since been examined and action taken; and if so, who was the promoter of the Company and the salient features of such examination?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI CHANDRAJIT YADAV): A copy each of the statements fulfilling the Assurances in respect of questions Nos 3966 dated 29-8-74 and 5146 dated 19-12-74 are laid on the Table of the House [Placed in Library. See No. LT-8932/75].

Agreements with Oil producing countries

414 SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some oil producing countries have signed agreements with India to supply liberally petrol diesel and furnace and other types of oils to India during the recent visit of our Prime Minister, to the respective countries; and

(b) if so, the names of such countries and the outlines of agreements made therewith?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI BIPINPAL DAS): (a) and (b). Our Prime Minister's recent visit was

to Iraq in January, 1975. Supply of crude oil from Iraq to India was discussed and agreement reached. Details of the agreement are yet to be worked out.

Production of Copper Concentrates at Khetri Copper Project

415. SHRI RAJDEO SINGH: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Smelter plant of the Khetri Copper Project has started production of copper concentrates; and

(b) if so, the effect of this production on the industrial development of the country as a whole?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUKHDEV PRASAD): (a) The Smelter Plant at Khetri Copper Project started production of copper metal in November, 1974.

(b) Copper plays an important role in the industrial economy of the nation particularly through its usage in the Electrical and Defence industries. India is deficient in the availability of copper metal through indigenous sources and thus depend on large import to meet the ever growing requirements. The production of copper at Khetri will augment the indigenous availability of the metal. To that extent the import would reduce thereby saving foreign exchange which can be utilised for import of essential inputs for the industrial development of the country

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416 श्री मुल्की राज सैनी : क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार नियोजन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) देश में कुछ रोगियों की कुल संख्या क्या है ;