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ASSURANCES (1976-77)**

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REPORT

I. Introduction

I, the Chairman of the Committee on Government Assurances, having been authorised by the Committee to present the Report on their behalf, present this Seventeenth Report of the Committee.

2. The Committee was constituted on the 1st June, 1976.

II. Sitzings of the Committee

3. The Committee held three sittings on the 12th and 13th July and 20th August, 1976. At the sittings held on the 12th and 13th July, the Committee considered the following items:

- (i) Review of certain pending assurances pertaining to Thirteenth Session of Fifth Lok Sabha;
- (ii) Requests from the Department of Parliamentary Affairs for dropping of four assurances; and
- (iii) Requests from the Department of Parliamentary Affairs seeking extension of time for the implementation of certain assurances.

4. At their sitting held on the 20th August, 1976, the Committee considered and adopted their Seventeenth Report.

5. The conclusions arrived at by the Committee on the above matters are set forth in the Minutes of the aforesaid sittings of the Committee which are appended to and form part of this Report.

Cases where the Committee found it necessary to make certain observations or recommendations are as under:—

III. Review of certain pending assurances pertaining to Thirteenth Session of Fifth Lok Sabha

6. In pursuance of the decision of the Committee contained in para 6 of their Seventh Report, Fourth Lok Sabha (presented on the 13th December, 1969), Government are required to implement the assurances within a period of three months from the date an assurance is given by the Minister concerned on the floor of Lok Sabha. If Government foresee any genuine difficulties in implementing any assurance within the stipulated period of three months, they have to approach the Committee for extension of time-limit.

7. Assurances pertaining to the Fifth Lok Sabha still lying pending, which have become more than three months old, are being reviewed by the Committee in convenient batches.

8. At their sittings held on the 12th and 13th July, 1976, the Committee reviewed 37 pending assurances of the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers pertaining to Thirteenth Session of Fifth Lok Sabha (details given in Annexure II to Minutes of the sitting held on 12th July, 1976).

9. During the course of review, the Committee noted that six assurances had since been implemented and that Government have requested for extension of time in 29 cases as indicated in Annexure II to Minutes of the sitting held on the 12th July, 1976. In respect of one assurance, mentioned at Sl. No. 16 of Annexure II to the Minutes of the sitting held on the 12th July, 1976, the Committee decided to consider further the reply to parts (b) and (c) of Unstarred Question No. 3811 dated the 18th March, 1975 contained in the statement laid on the Table on the 26th May, 1976 in pursuance of assurance given in the House.

10. The observations or recommendations of the Committee in respect of each case have been indicated under the relevant item of the Minutes of the sitting held on the 12th July, 1976. Considering the reasons advanced by the Government, the Committee agree to grant extension of time in certain cases upto the period mentioned under the relevant item in those Minutes. The Committee trust that the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers will ensure implementation of these assurances by the extended dates approved by the Committee.

11. While reviewing the pending assurances, the Committee have come across several cases where no serious efforts were made by the Ministry to collect the information required for the fulfilment of the assurances resulting in considerable delay in their implementation. The Committee, therefore, decided to examine the representatives of the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers in respect of 19 assurances in order to know the reasons in detail for delay and the difficulties faced by the Ministry in collecting the required information.

The Committee note with regret that in many cases the Ministry did not request for extension of time within the prescribed period of three months even though they did not expect the assurances to be fulfilled within that period. In some cases, the Ministry did neither approach the Committee for extension nor did they inform the Committee about the progress made in implementation of the assurances. In the view of the Committee this only reveals the casual manner

in which the matter has been treated. This situation should be remedied immediately.

The Committee further desire that all Ministries should make it a point to approach the Committee for extension of time for implementation of assurances, where necessary, well before the expiry of the stipulated time. They should invariably give detailed reasons for delay and the factors that necessitate extension of time in each case.

IV. Requests from the Department of Parliamentary Affairs for dropping of four assurances

12. The Committee have considered the requests made by the Government for dropping of the following four assurances:—

- (1) Assurance given in reply to Unstarred Question No. 986 on the 1st June, 1971 regarding demand by Tamil Nadu Government for giving Right to Primary Teachers to elect representatives for Legislative Council.
- (2) Assurance given in reply to Unstarred Question No. 8529 on the 6th May, 1969 regarding participation of teachers in the election of Legislative Councils.
- (3) Assurance given in reply to Unstarred Question No. 7494 on the 10th August, 1971 regarding reduction in age of franchise.
- (4) Assurance given in reply to supplementaries on Starred Question No. 65 on the 18th November, 1974 regarding Committee on development of Urdu.

13. The Committee have perused the reasons advanced by Government for dropping of the assurances at serial Nos. (1) and (2) above. The Ministry of Law, Justice and Company Affairs had represented through the Department of Parliamentary Affairs that the Governments of Bihar, Karnataka and Uttar Pradesh had not sent their views in the matters in spite of many reminders. Further, the subject was a controversial one as certain State Governments were in favour of abolition of Legislative Councils. As a long time had elapsed after the questions under reference had been answered in Lok Sabha and no early decisions in the matters were likely to be taken by Government, these assurances might be dropped.

14. The Committee feel that non-receipt of views from the Governments of Bihar, Karnataka and Uttar Pradesh is not a sufficient and justifiable ground for dropping the assurances. It is not clear

to the Committee as to whether the matter has been examined by the Government as promised and if so, what the outcome is. After fully considering the matter, the Committee do not agree to drop these assurances and desire to be informed whether the Government has examined the matter and the result thereof.

15. The Committee considered the reasons advanced by the Government for the dropping of the assurance at serial No. (3) above. The Ministry of Law, Justice and Company Affairs had stated in a factual note to the Committee that the reduction in the age of voting from 21 to 18 years raised certain practical problems due to enlargement of the electorate by nearly 35 millions and the consequent additional electoral arrangements that may have to be made. Further, State Governments who had expressed their views in the matter were also divided in their opinion. As such, the matter required careful consideration and it was difficult to anticipate how long it would take for a decision to be reached in this behalf.

16. The Committee are of the opinion that the matter of reducing the minimum age for voting from 21 years to 18 years is a matter of national and far reaching importance affecting the younger generation and needs thorough examination. The Committee, therefore, do not agree to drop the assurance and desire to be informed as to whether the matter of reduction in age of franchise has been examined by the Government.

17. The Committee have perused the reasons given by the Government for the dropping of the assurance at serial No. (4) above. The Committee note that the earlier request made by the Ministry of Education, Social Welfare and Culture through the Department of Parliamentary Affairs on the 7th February, 1975 for the dropping of the assurance was considered by the Committee at their sitting held on the 22nd August, 1975. The Committee *vide* paras 7 and 8 of their Twelfth Report, Fifth Lok Sabha, presented to the House on the 9th January, 1976 had observed as under:—

The Committee have perused the reasons advanced by Government for dropping of the assurance. The Ministry of Education and Social Welfare had represented that laying of the report of the Urdu Committee (on the Table of the House) was contingent upon happening of two events viz., submission of the Report by the Committee to the Government and completion of the examination of the report by the Government. The assurance given, was, therefore, of a nature which could not be fulfilled within

any specified period of time since the submission of the report by the Committee to the Government was not within the control of the Government. The report of the Committee after submission will also have to be examined in consultation not only with the Ministries concerned but also in consultation with the State Governments.

The Committee note that the "Urdu Committee" was appointed in 1972. They, therefore, desire to know the present stage of deliberations of that Committee and the date by which their Report is likely to be submitted to the Government. The Committee, therefore, decide to have a factual note from Government before taking a final decision in the matter.'

18. On the 30th April, 1976, the Department of Parliamentary Affairs forwarded the following information furnished by the Ministry of Education, Social Welfare and Culture to the Committee with a view to consider the desirability of dropping the assurance:—

- “(i) The Committee for Promotion of Urdu submitted its report to Government on the 8th May, 1975; and
- (ii) In view of the normal procedure for examination of the report already noted in para 7 of the 12th Report of the Committee on Government Assurances presented to the Lok Sabha on the 9th January, 1976, it is not possible to stipulate any definite time-limit within which the examination of the report will be completed.”

19. The Committee note that the report of the Committee for promotion of Urdu was submitted to the Government on the 8th May, 1975. As the report of the Urdu Committee had been received by the Government more than a year ago, and was pending consideration by them, the Committee see no justification for dropping of the assurance. The Committee urge the Government to expedite consideration of the report of the Urdu Committee and lay a copy of the report on the Table of the House in implementation of the assurance at an early date. The Committee, therefore, do not agree to drop the assurance.

V. Requests from Department of Parliamentary Affairs seeking extension of time for the implementation of certain assurances

20. The Committee considered requests from the Department of Parliamentary Affairs for the extension of time-limit for the implementation of certain assurances mentioned in Annexure to the

Minutes of the sitting held on the 13th July, 1976. After examining the reasons advanced by the Ministries concerned, the Committee agree to grant extension of time in majority of the cases upto the period shown against the relevant item in column 4 of Annexure of aforesaid Minutes. The Committee desire that in the cases where extension of time has been agreed to, the Ministries concerned should ensure implementation of the assurances by the extended dates.

In four cases the Committee have decided to hear representatives of the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers before considering the question of extension of time-limit for implementation of those assurances. Observations of the Committee in respect of each case have been indicated in column 5 of the Annexure of the aforesaid Minutes for compliance by the Ministries concerned.

VI. Position of pending assurances pertaining to Fourth and Fifth Lok Sabha

21. A statement showing the position of assurances pertaining to Fourth and Fifth Lok Sabha pending implementation by Government as on the 13th August, 1976 is given at Appendix [Part (i) and Part (ii) respectively]. The Committee are glad to note that there is improvement in clearing pending assurances. However, there are still some assurances which are pending for considerable periods. The Committee would like the Ministries concerned to make earnest endeavour to implement them without further delay. The Committee would also like all the Ministries/Departments to maintain the tempo of implementation of the pending assurances and reduce the number of pending assurances to the extent possible.

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VIRBHADRA SINGH,

Chairman,

Committee on Government Assurances.

MINUTES

FIRST SITTING

The Committee sat on Monday, the 12th July, 1976 from 10.00 hours to 11.15 hours.

PRESENT

Shri Virbhadra Singh—*Chairman*

MEMBERS

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2. At the outset, the Chairman welcomed the Members and delivered his Inaugural Address giving a brief account of the origin, functions and working of the Committee on Government Assurances (Inaugural Address—Annexure—I). Thereafter, Shri Khemchandbhai Chavda congratulated the Chairman on his appointment as Chairman of the Committee. He was joined by other Members. The Chairman reciprocated and thanked the Members for their felicitations. He also expressed his trust that the Members will maintain the healthy tradition of the Committee in working in a non-partisan spirit without fear or favour.

3. The Committee then proceeded to take up consideration of Memorandum No. 118.

*Review of pending assurances pertaining to Thirteenth Session,
Fifth Lok Sabha*

MEMORANDUM NO. 118

The Committee took up for consideration Memorandum No. 118 (Serial Nos. 1—37) for the purpose of reviewing assurances pertaining to the Thirteenth Session of Fifth Lok Sabha (Third batch) relating to the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilisers (details given in Annexure—II).

The observations or recommendations made by the Committee seriatim on the 37 pending assurances are as under:—

Sl. No. 1—An extension of time upto the 31st August, 1976 had been requested by the Government for implementation of the assurance. The Committee wanted to know the detailed reasons for delay in collection of the required information. The Committee agreed to grant the extension upto the 31st August, 1976 as requested but observed that the Government should take necessary steps to implement the assurance by the extended date and that no further extension would be granted. A Member of the Committee pointed out that the same information had already been given at the meeting of the Consultative Committee pertaining to the Ministry and some information had also been given in the Hathi Committee Report. The Committee desired that this should be pointed out to the Ministry by the Secretariat.

Sl. No. 2—A request for extension of time upto the 31st July, 1976 had been received. The Committee agreed to grant the extension and desired to know the detailed reasons for delay and observed that no further extension would be granted.

The Committee also pointed out that while the earlier extension expired on the 30th April, 1976, the Ministry had requested for further extension only on the 11th June, 1976. The Committee emphasized that the Ministries should be asked to send their requests for extension well before the expiry of the extended period.

Sl. No. 3—The Government had requested for extension of time upto the 31st August, 1976. The Committee wanted to know the progress made in the collection of the information and the detailed reasons for delay. The Committee agreed to grant the extension as asked for.

Sl. Nos. 4 & 5—The Government had asked for extension of time upto the 31st August, 1976 for the implementation of these assurances. The Committee were informed that five extensions of time had already been granted to the Government for implementation of these assurances in each case. They took a serious view of the long delay in implementation of the assurances and felt that further extension of time upto the 31st August, 1976 was not justified. They, therefore, decided to hear the representatives of the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers in order to know the reasons in detail for delay in collecting the required information.

Sl. Nos. 6, 10, 15, 16, 28, 33 & 35—The Committee were informed that these assurances had since been implemented and these cases may not be taken up for consideration. In this connection some Members suggested that the Committee should not drop these assurances stated to have been implemented unless Members concerned and the Committee had been satisfied about the correctness of the information furnished. They, therefore, demanded that a set of the statements should always be made available to the Members of the Committee for perusal. The Chairman pointed out that the statements after being laid on the Table were scrutinised by the Secretariat of the Committee on their behalf as laid down in the Internal Rules and only then they were indicated as implemented. The Department of Parliamentary Affairs were also required to send a copy each of the statements to the Members concerned. A copy of the statements was also available in the Library. In the circumstances, it was not possible for the Committee to go through each and every item of the statement as and when they were laid on the Table of the House. Moreover, implementation of the desire of the Members that copies of the statements should be circulated to the Members of the Committee would entail cyclostyling of thousands of pages of various statements which was not a feasible proposition. A set of statements was, however, always available with the Secretariat for perusal by Members of the Committee.

The Chairman also pointed out that it was not within the competence of the Committee to go into the correctness or otherwise of the information furnished in the statements, nor could the Committee ensure satisfaction of all individual Members with the statements. For that, other avenues were open to the Members. The Committee were required only to see the extent to which the assurances had been implemented and, where implemented, whether such implementation has taken place within the minimum time necessary for the purpose. When the Members insisted that copies of the statements laid on the Table of the House in implementation of the assurances should be circulated to the Members

of the Committee, the Chairman stated that he would examine the matter and consult the Speaker, if necessary, in this regard. The Committee decided to pend consideration of these cases.

Sl. No. 7.—An extension of time upto the 31st August, 1976 had been requested. As the assurance was pending for a long time, the Committee decided to hear the representatives of the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilisers in order to know the reasons in detail for delay in collecting the required information before considering the request of the Government for extension of time.

Sl. No. 8.—A request for extension of time upto the 31st August, 1976 had been received. The Committee agreed to grant the extension but desired to know the reasons for delay in collection of the required information.

Sl. No. 9.—The Committee considered the request of the Government for extension of time upto the 31st July, 1976. The Committee agreed to grant extension but desired to know the reasons for delay.

Sl. No. 11.—A request for extension of time upto the 31st August, 1976 had been received. As the assurance was pending for a considerable period of time, the Committee decided to hear the representatives of the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilisers in order to know the reasons in detail for their failure to implement the assurance inspite of several extensions already granted.

Sl. No. 12.—A request for extension of time upto the 31st July, 1976 had been received. As the assurance was pending for a long time and several extensions had already been granted, the Committee decided to hear the representatives of the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilisers with regard to the reasons for delay.

Sl. No. 13.—A request for extension of time upto the 29th February, 1976 had been received. Neither the assurance had been implemented nor further extension of time requested for by the Government. The Committee were surprised to note that progress made in the matter of collection of the information had not been communicated to the Committee. The Committee deplored the attitude of the Government in the matter of implementation of this assurance and desired to know the reasons in detail for the delay. They decided to hear the representatives of the Ministry in this matter.

Sl. No. 14.—A request for extension of time upto the 31st July, 1976 had been received. As the assurance was pending for a long

time, the Committee decided to hear the representatives of the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilisers with regard to the assurance.

Sl. No. 17.—As extension of time upto the 30th June, 1976 had been received. The period of extension was already over and no further extension had been requested. As five extensions had already been granted and the Government had failed to implement the assurance, the Committee decided to hear the representatives of the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilisers in order to know the reasons in detail for the delay in collecting the information.

Sl. Nos. 18, 23, 25, 27 and 37.—An extension of time upto the 31st August, 1976 had been requested in these cases. The Committee agreed to grant the extension of time. The Committee noted that requests from Government for further extension of time in these cases had been received either on the last day of the extended period or after the extended periods or in some cases quite late and observed that requests for extension of time should, in future, be made well before the expiry of the stipulated time.

Sl. Nos. 19, 20, 21 and 32.—An extension of time upto the 30th June, 1976 had been requested in these cases. Assurance at Sl. No. 32 had been partly implemented *vide* statement laid on the Table on the 9th January, 1976. The period of extension in all these cases had already been over. Further extension of time had also not been requested in these cases. As these assurances had been pending for a long time, the Committee decided to hear the representatives of the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilisers in order to know the reasons in detail for the delay.

Sl. No. 22.—An extension of time upto the 31st May, 1976 had been requested in this case. The period of extension had already been over and no further extension had been requested by the Government. In this case also the Committee decided to hear the representatives of the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilisers in regard to reasons for delay.

Sl. No. 24.—An extension of time upto the 31st July, 1976 had been requested in this case. The Committee agreed to grant the extension of time. The Committee noted that request from Government for further extension of time in this case had been received after the extended period and observed that request for extension of time should, in future, be made well before the expiry of the stipulated time.

Sl. Nos. 26, 29, and 34.—An extension of time upto the 31st August, 1976 for implementation of these assurances had been

requested by the Government. As the assurances had been pending for a long time inspite of several extensions already granted, the Committee decided to hear the representatives of the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilisers in regard to these assurances.

Sl. No. 30.—An extension of time upto the 31st July, 1976 for implementation of this assurance had been requested by the Government. As the assurance had been pending for a long time inspite of several extensions already granted, the Committee decided to hear the representatives of the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilisers in regard to this assurance.

Sl. No. 31.—The Committee noted that the assurance had been partly implemented *vide* statement laid on the Table of Lok Sabha on the 9th January, 1976. No extension of time had been requested by the Government for supplying the rest of the information. As the assurance was pending since April, 1975, the Committee desired that rest of the information may be furnished to the House without further delay.

Sl. No. 36.—An extension of time upto the 29th February, 1976 had been requested by the Government. The period of extension was long over. As the assurance had neither been implemented nor further request for extension made by the Government, the Committee decided to hear the representatives of the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilisers in order to know the reasons in detail for the delay.

The Committee then adjourned to sit again at 11 A.M. on Tuesday, the 13th July, 1976.

ANNEXURE 1

(Vide para 2 of the Minutes)

*Inaugural Address by the Chairman (Shri Virbhadra Singh),
Committee on Government Assurances, Fifth Lok Sabha
(1976-77) at the First Sitting of the Committee*

Friends,

I am very happy to welcome you to this First Sitting of the Committee on Government Assurances.

2. As many Members are new (I am told that there are 10 Members who are new to the Committee), I would like to give at the outset a brief background of the scope and functions of the Committee on Government Assurances.

3. As you are aware, while replying to the questions or supplementaries thereon or during discussions on Bills, resolutions, motions, etc. Ministers at times give some assurances or make promises to furnish relevant information to the House later on. In order to watch the implementation of such assurances on behalf of Lok Sabha, the Committee on Government Assurances was first constituted by the Speaker on the 1st December, 1953.

4. Prior to the constitution of this Committee, it was left to each individual Member to keep watch whether assurances or promises given by the Ministers on the floor of the House had been implemented.

5. The appointment of such a Committee has helped to keep a vigil in the matter.

6. The main functions of this Committee, as outlined in Rule 323 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha, are to scrutinise the assurances, promises, undertakings etc., given by Ministers from time to time on the floor of the House and to report on:—

- (a) the extent to which such assurances, promises, undertakings etc., have been implemented; and

- (b) where implemented, whether such implementation has taken place within the minimum time necessary for the purpose.

7. The Committee of the First Lok Sabha laid down in May, 1954 a Standard List of expressions or forms of statements which should be treated as constituting assurances, undertakings etc., given by Ministers on the floor of the House. These are appended to the Brochure entitled "Committee on Government Assurances, Functions and Procedure", a copy of which has already been circulated to new Members of the Committee. Besides laying down the standard forms, the Committee has also framed detailed Rules of Procedure for their internal working. These internal rules were adopted by the Committee at their sitting held on the 16th March, 1960 and approved by the Speaker. A copy of these rules has also been circulated to Members of the Committee for their guidance.

8. The Committee has laid down the time-limit of three months for the implementation of assurances. If Government foresee any difficulties in implementing any assurance within the stipulated period of three months, they have to approach the Committee for extension of the time-limit.

9. On behalf of the various Ministries or Departments of the Government of India, the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs lays on the Table of Lok Sabha from time to time statements showing action taken by the Government in implementation of assurances. These statements are examined by the Lok Sabha Secretariat in terms of Rule 323 of the Rules of Procedure. Each of the assurances as do not appear to have been implemented are placed before the Committee for further directions.

10. As a result of examination of pending assurances from time to time, the Committee came to the conclusion that it was necessary to take evidence of the representatives of various Ministries|Departments, where necessary, to enable the Committee to go deep into the reasons resulting in delay in implementation of assurances in specific cases. Accordingly, the Committee has now been hearing representatives of the various Ministries|Departments from time to time in connection| with selected cases of delays in implementation of assurances and thereafter makes suitable recommendations|observations with regard to those matters in its Reports which are presented to the House. This procedure of examining witnesses of Ministries etc. has a salutary effect in speeding up implementation of the assurances and thus reducing the number of pending assurances.

11. Here are some figures, which would give an indication of the work to be handled by this Committee.

- (i) Out of a total of 573 pending assurances pertaining to the Fourth Lok Sabha which were selected by the First Committee (1971-72) of the Fifth Lok Sabha for being pursued further, 566 assurances have since been implemented as on 26th May, 1976 (when the last batch of statements of implemented assurances was laid on the Table), leaving a balance of 7 assurances still to be implemented.
- (ii) During the First to Sixteenth Sessions of the Fifth Lok Sabha (March, 1971 to May, 1976) in all 7819 assurances were culled out. Out of these 7371 assurances have since been implemented, leaving a balance of 448 pending assurances.

12. Before I conclude, I would urge upon you to take an active interest in the working of this Committee. We shall continue to maintain the happy and well-established tradition of working in a non-partisan spirit in the Committee and arriving at unanimous decisions, as far as possible, on issues coming up before the Committee.

13. We shall now proceed with the business on the Agenda.

ANNEXURE II

(Vide para 3 of the Minutes)

Pending assurances pertaining to Thirteenth Session, 1973 of Fifth Lok Sabha (3rd Batch)

As on 27th May, 1976

Sl. No.	Date and Reference	Text of the Question/Debate	Assurance given	Remarks
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(Ministry of Petroleum and Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers)

1. USQ. No. 160 dt. 18-2-75 by Shri Khemchand Bhai Chavda.

(a) whether many foreign drug manufacturing firms are producing bulk drugs in excess of their licensed capacity, if so, their names, the names of the bulk drugs, the licensed capacity or allowed under permission letter/COB licence, production of each item, their sale value of the formulations and approximate outflow of foreign exchange involved, year-wise during the last three years;

(a) & (c) : Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Requests received from DPA for extension of time (1) on 1-8-75 upto 30-9-75 (2) on 1-12-75 upto 31-12-75 (3) on 29-12-75 upto 28-2-76 (4) on 25-2-76 upto 30-4-76 (5) on 3-5-75 upto 30-6-76 (6) on 6-7-95 upto 31-8-76.

(b) what were the initial equities of these firms, their equity today, whether the present equity was built up out of profit earned in India or any subsequent equity remaining 9 companies is being

(b) Information regarding 26 companies was furnished and it was stated, "information in respect of remaining 9 companies is being

was brought from abroad; and

(c) whether they used their bulk drugs for captive consumption, manufactured them from intermediate stage, the international CIF price of each item, the price of the formulation and the total sale value of each bulk drug and formulation.

2. USQ. No. 1004 dt. 25-2-75 by Shri Bhairubhai Rajibhai Parmar.

(a) how many extensions were made in the Fourth plan period for issuing C.O.B. licences, permission letters, industrial licences, no-objection certificates for the foreign firms having more than 26 per cent foreign equity; and

(b) how many proposals of Indian firms were refused during this period for manufacturing drugs and what were the grounds for making these extensions for foreign firms and what were the items and capacities granted and imported raw materials and foreign exchange involved.

3. USQ. No. 1145 dt. 25-2-75 by Sarvaghi Khemchand Bhai Chavda and S.R. Damani.

(a) how many bulk drugs are produced in excess of the licensed capacity; the names of firms doing excess production during last three years, percentage of bulk drug production for captive consumption for formulation, names of formulations, their sale value CIF price of bulk drugs concerned and whether made

collected and will be laid on the Table of the House."

(a) & (b): No extension was made in the period for issuing COB licences, industrial licences etc. during the Fourth Plan period. Industrial licences/approvals are being granted in accordance with the policy of the Government in force from time to time. However, the delays in submission of applications within the prescribed time limit were condoned in some cases based upon the merit of each case considered. The details of such cases where delays were condoned are being compiled and will be laid on the Table of the House. Details of applications rejected from the Indian companies during the Fourth Plan period are also being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Requests received from DPA for extension of time
(1) on 2-9-75 upto 31-10-75
(2) on 14-1-76 upto 29-3-76
(3) on 9-3-76 upto 30-4-76
(4) on 11-6-76 upto 31-7-76.

(a) & (b): Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.
Requests received from DPA for extension of time
(1) on 29-10-75 upto 31-12-75
(2) on 29-12-75 upto 28-2-76
(3) on 1-3-76 upto 30-4-76
(4) on 4-5-76 upto 30-6-76
(5) on 6-7-76 upto 31-8-76.

from penultimate stage, the quantity of imported raw materials consumed in manufacturing the bulk drug and outgo of foreign exchange involved in case of excess production in the bulk drugs ; and

(b) how many proposals made by Indian firms for the same bulk drugs have been turned down during the last three years and in how many cases the decision is pending with reasons for rejection or postponement of decision.

4. USQ. No. 1146 dt. 25-2-75 by Shri Khemchand Bhai Chavda.

(a) the total number of formulations licensed to foreign drug manufacturing units with more than 26 per cent foreign equity in our country; and

(b) how many of them are not manufactured by them; the names of the formulations and their uses.

5. USQ. No. 1185 dt. 25-2-75 by Shri Bhajibhai Ravjibhai Parmar.

Referring to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 3877 on 10-12-74 regarding permission for diversification granted to M's. Hoechst and asking

(a) whether diversification referred to in the statement enclosed to the reply to the above question was intimated to DGTD;

(b) if not, whether it amounts to flouting the I (D&R) Act;

(a) & (b) : Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Requests received from DPA for extension of time
(1) on 5-8-75 upto 31-10-75
(2) on 24-11-75 upto 31-12-75
(3) on 29-12-75 upto 28-2-76
(4) on 25-2-76 upto 30-4-76
(5) on 28-4-76 upto 30-6-76
(6) on 25-8-76 upto 31-8-76

(c), (d) & (e) : Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Requests received from DPA for extension of time
(1) on 28-7-75 upto 30-9-75
(2) on 28-10-75 upto 30-11-75
(3) on 6-12-75 upto 31-1-76
(4) on 18-3-76 upto 30-4-76
(5) on 27-4-76 upto 30-6-76
(6) on 1-7-76 upto 31-8-76.

(c) whether the raw materials required for manufacturing the concerned preparations are mostly imported and if so, does it not amount to approval of diversification on mere-presentation of facts;

(d) how many proposals of 100 per cent Indian firms for items with these very raw materials were rejected during the Fourth Plan period either for registration, permission or industrial licences and reasons therefor; and

(e) what is the investment of these firms in plant and machinery and under what authority they have not obtained COB licence so far.

6. USQ. No. 1994 dt. 4-3-75 by Shri Khemchand Bhai Chavda.

(a) the number of foreign companies which are yet to obtain C.O.B. licences; and
(b) the names of firms items manufactured during last three years, extent of foreign equity utilisation of imported and canalised raw materials.

(a) & (b) : It was *inter alia* stated that information regarding the items manufactured during the last three years and the utilization of imported and canalised raw materials is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Requests received from DPA for extension of time
(1) on 26-7-75 upto 30-9-75
(2) on 12-11-75 upto 31-12-75
(3) 29-12-75 upto 28-2-76
(4) on 1-3-76 upto 30-4-76
(5) on 12-5-86 upto 31-5-76.
Since implemented on 26-5-76.

7. USQ. No. 2146 dt. 4-3-75 by Shri Khemchand Bhai Chavda.

(a) whether according to 1970 policy of diversification no imports of direct or indirect raw materials are to be permitted;

(a) & (c) : Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Requests received from DPA for extension of time
(1) on 1-1-76 upto 28-2-76
(2) on 28-4-76 upto 30-6-76
(3) on 30-6-76 upto 31-8-76.

(b) the broad outlines of imported raw materials involved in each of the items of M/s. Hoechst for which they have been recommended issue of COB licence, recently; and

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	<p>(c) why this company did not submit their application in 1970 and why have they been recommended COB licence after delay of three years.</p>			
<p>8. U.S.O. No. 403 dt. 18-3-75 by Shri Baljibhai Ravibhai Parmar.</p>	<p>(a) the broad features of the industrial licences, permission letters, COB licences, issued to M/s Hoechst, Abbott Laboratories, Alkali Chemicals Corporation of India and M/s Bayer (1) Limited during the Fourth Five Year Plan period;</p> <p>(b) whether any fresh terms of collaboration were adopted or the existing collaboration agreements amended, because of the issue of these licences/permission letters and if so, the broad features of each of them; and</p> <p>(c) which are the formulations manufactured by these firms without any industrial licences and the reasons for allowing them to do so.</p>	<p>(c) Details as to whether the said companies are manufacturing any drug formulation without approval are being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.</p>	<p>Requests received from DPA for extension of time</p> <p>(1) on 28-7-75 upto 31-10-75</p> <p>(2) on 29-12-75 upto 28-2-76</p> <p>(3) on 8-3-76 upto 30-4-76</p> <p>(4) on 4-5-76 upto 30-6-76</p> <p>(5) on 1-7-76 upto 31-8-76.</p>	
<p>9. USO. No. 3709 dt. 18-3-75 by Shri Prasannaabhai Mehta.</p>	<p>(a) the broad features of the industrial licences, permission letters, COB licences and other facilities given to M/s Lederley Laboratories (Cynamide), M/s Boots, M/s B.D.H. and M/s Dunmax Private Limited and Pfizer during the Fourth Five Year Plan period;</p> <p>(b) whether any fresh terms of collaboration were adopted or existing collaboration</p>	<p>(c) Names of the formulations if any manufactured by these companies without any industrial licence are being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.</p>	<p>Requests received from DPA for extension of time</p> <p>(1) on 5-8-75 upto 31-10-75</p> <p>(2) on 7-11-75 upto 31-12-75</p> <p>(3) on 29-12-75 upto 28-2-76</p> <p>(4) on 22-4-76 upto 31-5-76,</p> <p>(5) on 28-5-76 upto 31-7-76.</p>	

agreement amended because of the issue of these licences/permission letters and if so, the broad features of each of them; and

(c) which are the formulations that are manufactured by these firms without industrial licences and the reasons for allowing them to do so.

(a) what are the bulk drugs manufactured by M/s John Myeth, May & Baker, Roche, Pfizer, and Cynamid during the last three years; what are the CIF prices of each of these, if imported and the prices approved for these firms;

(b) what are the imported an indigenous raw materials used for each Kg. of bulk drug and under what approval these have been imported;

(c) what are the prices of formulations manufactured out of these bulk drugs when they were approved under Price Control Order, if so, the approved price and the number and date of approval; and

(d) what are one or two competitive items of these bulk drugs available in the market and their sale prices.

(a) what was the initial equity participation in M/s Laderhay Laboratories, Boots, B.D.M., Dumex Private Ltd., Pfizers and Cynamide by their principals

(b) the main features of the agreements entered into between the principals and the above firms, firm-wise;

Requests received from DPA for extension of time
(1) on 1-8-75 upto 30-9-75
(2) on 10-11-75 upto 31-12-75
(3) on 23-12-75 upto 29-2-76
(4) on 25-2-76 upto 31-3-76
(5) on 20-4-76 upto 30-6-76
Since implemented on 26-5-76.

(a), (b) & (d): While giving information for (1) M/s May & Baker, (2) M/s Pfizer Ltd. and (3) M/s Cynamid, India Ltd it was stated that similar information in respect of Roche Products Ltd. is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House. M/s. John Wyeth Bros. do not manufacture any bulk drug.

(c) Information regarding names of formulations based on the bulk drugs manufactured by these companies, prices approved for such formulations and approval No. and date is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Requests received from DPA for extension of time
(1) on 29-8-75 upto 31-10-75
(2) on 13-11-75 upto 31-12-75
(3) on 17-1-76 upto 29-2-76
(4) on 25-2-76 upto 30-4-76
(5) on 28-4-76 upto 30-6-76
(6) on 30-6-76 upto 31-8-76.

(b) to (d): Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

10. USQ. No. 3771 dt. 18-3-75 by Shri Khemchand Bhai Chavda.

11. USQ. No. 3794 dt. 18-3-75 by Shri Prasanabhai Mehta.

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		<p>(c) what were the items of manufacture envisaged initially by these firms and what are the changes made afterwards ; and</p> <p>(d) whether the agreement was approved by the Foreign Investment Board and if not, the reasons therefor.</p>	<p>(c) :- Details as to whether the said firms are manufacturing any formulations without any industrial licence are being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.</p>	<p>Requests received from DPA for extension of time (1) on 5-8-75 upto 30-9-75 (2) on 12-11-75 upto 31-12-75 (3) on 29-1-76 upto 31-3-76 (4) 13-4-76 upto 31-5-76. (5) on 31-5-76 upto 31-7-76.</p>
12.	USQ. No. 3795 dt. 18-3-75 by Shri Prasannbhai Mehta.	<p>(a) the broad features of the industrial licences, permission letters, COB licences issued to M/s Glaxo, Burroughs Wellcome (I) Ltd., Park Davis and Company and M/s May & Baker during the Fourth Five Year Plan period ;</p> <p>(b) whether any fresh terms of collaboration were adopted or the existing collaboration agreements amended because of the issue of these licences/permission letters, if so, the broad features of each of them; and</p> <p>(c) which are the formulations manufactured by these firms without any industrial licences and the reasons for allowing them to do so.</p>	<p>(a) to (c): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.</p>	<p>Requests received from DPA for extension of time (1) on 8-10-75 upto 31-10-75 (2) on 13-11-75 upto 30-11-75 (3) on 12-12-75 upto 29-2-76.</p>
13.	USQ. No. 3803 dt. 18-3-75 by Shri Somchand Solanki.	<p>(a) what are the canalised items of drugs and pharmaceuticals imported by STC during the Fourth Five Year Plan, item-wise, quantity, CIF prices and the prices at which they were sold;</p> <p>(b) whether in a number of cases STC flouted the rules and regulations, charged</p>		

ed high prices of their last imports and made huge profits; and

(c) what steps Govt. propose to take to help the consumers in cases where fabulous prices were charged by STC and what action is proposed to be taken against the officials responsible.

14. USQ. No. 3802 dt. 18-3-75 by Shri Khemchand bhai Chavda.

(a) the broad features of the industrial licences, permission letters, COB licences and other facilities given to M/s Ciba (I) Ltd. during the Fourth Five Year Plan period ;

Requests received from DPA for extension of time (1) on 21-8-75 upto 30-11-75 (2) on 12-12-75 upto 31-3-76 (3) on 20-4-76 upto 31-5-76. (4) on 15-6-76 upto 31-7-76.

(b) whether any fresh terms of collaboration were adopted or amendment to their existing collaboration agreement was made because of the issue of these licences, permission letters, if so, the broad features thereof; and

(c) which are the formulations that are manufactured by this firm without industrial licences and the reasons for this latitude.

15. USQ. No. 3809 dt. 18-3-75 by Shri Khemchand bhai Chavda.

(a) the broad features of industrial licences, permission letters, COB licences issued in favour of M/s Dental Products Ltd., Ethnor Products Ltd., C.E. Fulford and company and M/S Indian Scherings during the Fourth Five Year Plan period;

Requests received from DPA for extension of time (1) on 5-8-75 upto 31-10-75 (2) on 13-11-75 upto 31-12-75 Since Implemented.

(b) whether any terms of collaboration were involved in any of these licences/ permission letters and if so, their broad features and details of items approved; and

(b) and (c): Information will be collected and laid on the Table of the House.

(c) what was the foreign exchange expenditure on each of these items and what was their production during the last three years.

16. U.S.Q. No. 3811 dt. 18-3-75 by Shri Khemchand Bhusi Chavda.

(a) how many licences/permissions letters/no-objection letters have been issued to foreign drug manufacturers with more than 26% foreign equity for the manufacture of bulk drugs without fixing capacities, which they have been producing for the last three years;

(b) whether it was one of the conditions of these approvals that capacities would be fixed at a later stage; and

(c) if so, why no capacities have been fixed so far, details of such approvals and will Government fix up the responsibility for not fixing the capacities.

(a) to (c) : Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Request received from DPA for extension of time (1) on 5-8-75 upto 31-10-75 (2) on 29-10-75 upto 31-12-75 (3) on 29-12-75 upto 28-2-76 (4) on 6-3-76 upto 30-4-76.

17. USQ. No. 3846, dt. 18-3-75 by Shri Bhalkibhai Ravji-
bhai Parmar.

(a) what is the original and present equity-foreign, direct and in direct, bonus shares, issued, if any, equity issued for other considerations, subscribed capital of the foreign drug manufacturing firms with equity between 40-50 per cent and what are the repatriations made by these firms during the last three years on the basis of this equity;

(b) what is the authorised capital, preferential and ordinary, issued capital, preferential and ordinary foreign holdings (direct and indirect) sales turn-

Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Requests received from DPA for extension of time (1) on 5-8-75 upto 31-10-75 (2) on 13-11-75 upto 31-12-75 (3) on 30-12-75 upto 28-2-76 (4) on 6-3-76 upto 30-4-76 (5) on 28-4-76 upto 30-6-76.

over net profits including taxes for this period;

(c) how many industrial licences, objection letters and permission letters were approved/rejected to these firms during last three years; and

(d) what is the production of bulk drugs, item-wise, firmwise with value of this period, separately for each year.

18. USQ. No. 4682 dt. 25-3-76 by Shri Bhajibhai Ravji-bhai Parmar.

(a) what is the original equity, present equity, licences, intent letters/permission letters/no objection letters on which production has been done during last three years, of formulation and bulk drugs by foreign firms with foreign equity between 26 per cent to 40 per cent;

(b) what were the concessions given to these firms vis-a-vis treating them at par with Indian firms, and reasons for the same; and

(c) the broad features of licensed capacity, firm-wise, item-wise and the present sales.

19. USQ. No. 4696 dt. 25-3-75 by Shri Somchand Solanki.

(a) whether M/s Sandoz, Burroughs Well-coms, Bayer, Seale and Warner Hindus-tani earned a profit of 23.38 per cent, 18.80 per cent, 17.49 per cent, 18.75 per cent and 15.80 per cent respectively during the year 1972;

(b) whether earning of more than 15 per cent profit amounts to flouting the Drug Price Central Order, 1970; and

(c) if so, action taken against these firms.

(a) to (c): It was *inter alia* stated that information regarding approval No. and date on the basis of which production was done during the last three years, licensed capacity etc. is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) It was *inter alia* stated that information whether the gross profits before tax on drug activity exceeded 15% and whether such profits were funded separately under the said provision of the Drugs (Price Control) Order, 1970, is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Requests received from DPA for extension of time (1) on 28-7-75 upto 31-10-75 (2) on 12-11-75 upto 31-12-75 (3) on 29-12-75 upto 28-2-76 (4) on 1-3-76 upto 30-4-76 (5) on 3-5-76 upto 30-6-76 (6) on 9-7-76 upto 31-8-76.

Requests received from DPA for extension of time (1) on 26-7-75 upto 31-10-75 (2) on 13-11-75 upto 31-12-75 (3) on 29-1-76 upto 31-2-76 (4) on 30-3-76 upto 31-5-76 (5) on 27-4-76 upto 30-6-76.

20. USQ. No. 4738 dt. 25-3-75 by Shri Sharad Yadav.

(a) & (b): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House as soon as possible.

Requests received from DPA for extension of time
(1) on 6-3-76 upto 30-4-76
(2) on 3-5-76 upto 30-6-76.

(b) what part of this drug production was manufactured by wholly foreign owned companies, partly foreign owned companies and indigenous companies.

21. USQ. No. 4764 dt. 25-3-75 by Shri Vayalar Ravi.

(b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Requests received from DPA for extension of time
(1) on 5-8-75 upto 31-10-75
(2) on 7-11-75 upto 31-12-75
(3) on 22-12-75 upto 31-1-76
(4) on 25-2-76 upto 30-4-76
(5) on 3-5-76 upto 30-6-76.

(a) the names of companies which produce Automatic Needle Sutures in the country; and

(b) whether Government are aware that these companies charge very high price for this product compared to the international market price.

22. USQ. No. 4804 dt. 25-3-75 by Shri Somchand Solanki.

(b) & (c): It was *inter-alia* stated that information whether gross profits before tax on drug activity exceeded 15% and whether such profits were funded separately under the said provision of the Drugs (Price Control) Order, 1970 is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Requests received from DPA for extension of time
(1) on 28-7-75 upto 30-9-75
(2) on 8-10-75 upto 30-11-75
(3) on 6-12-75 upto 31-1-76
(4) on 23-1-76 upto 31-1-76
(5) on 30-3-76 upto 31-5-76.

(a) Whether the M/s. Bayer, Searle and Warner Hindustan earned a profit of 20.03 per cent, 17.43 per cent and 15.80 per cent, respectively during the year 1973 (Profit before tax to sales);

(b) whether earning of more than 15 per cent profit amounts to flouting the Drug Price Control Order; and

(c) if so, what action Government propose to take in the matter for the benefit of consumers.

23. USQ. No. 4828 dt. 25-3-75 by Shri Khemchandbhai Chavda.

(a) to (d): Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Requests received from DPA for extension of time
(1) on 22-1-76 upto 29-2-76
(2) on 6-3-76 upto 30-4-76
(3) on 4-5-76 upto 30-6-76
(4) on 9-7-76 upto 31-8-76.

(a) what are the co-conditions imposed in the Industrial Licences granted to M/s Roche and Borroughs Wellcome Limited for the manufacturing programme of Trinitroprim and Sulphamethazazole and their formulations;

(b) whether these companies have fulfilled the conditions imposed in indent letters and industrial licences, if not, what action Government propose to take against these companies;

(c) how many Indian Firms have been refused permission to manufacture these formulations and the reasons for the same; the names of the companies and the capacities asked for, the foreign exchange saving proposed; and

(d) whether Government will reopen their cases.

24. USQ.No.6133 dt.
15-4-75 by Shri
S. R. Damani.

(a) the names of concerns in the private sector engaged in bulk manufacture of basic drugs for captive purposes and for retailing to others;

(b) their turn over in the last three years for such items and what it represents as percentage of their total turn over; and

(c) whether similar items are manufactured by the public sector units also and if so, the details and how do their prices compare with those of private sector units.

(a) to (c) : Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Requests received from DPA for extension of time (1) on 10-11-75 upto 31-12-75 (2) on 29-1-76 upto 31-3-76 (3) on 13-3-76 upto 31-5-76 (4) on 14-6-76 upto 31-7-76.

25. USQ.No.6171 dt.
15-4-75 by Shri
S. D. Somasundaram.

(a) the names of the firms which manufacture surgical and allied instruments in India, including the ones owned by the State and Central Government;

(b) the names of the firms having foreign collaboration and the details of agreement in each case; and

(c) the loss and profits in each of firm.

(a) & (b) : It was *inter-alia* stated that details of foreign collaborations are being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) : Information regarding profit or loss by each of the firms is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Requests received from DPA for extension of time (1) on 5-8-75 upto 31-10-75 (2) on 10-11-75 upto 31-12-75 (3) on 29-12-75 upto 28-2-76 (4) on 15-3-76 upto 30-4-76 (5) on 6-7-76 upto 31-8-76.

26. USQ.No.6242 dt. 15-4-75 by Shri Khemchand Bhai Chavda, Shri Virbhadra Singh.
- (a) what was the original equity of the foreign drug manufacturers having more than 26 per cent foreign equity, who had obtained registration certificates, their production in last three years, the name of the firms, capacity applied in (a) and (b) forming at the time of registration and present production ;
- (b) the names of the foreign firms who came in operation and who obtained industrial licences and their details as in (a) above ;
- (c) whether most of these foreign firms raised their capital and reserve predominantly from Indian profits from the sales of formulation in manovred way through illegal permission letters and C.O.B. licences, if so, the broad outlines of the same.
- (a) It was *inter alia* stated that information regarding capacity applied for in Form A or B and the production during the last three years in respect of registration Certificates granted to them is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.
- (b) It was *inter alia* stated that information regarding the production of bulk drugs and category-wise production of formulations viz. Tablets, Capsules, Injections, etc. during the last three years is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.
- (c) A Statement indicating the structure of the present total paid up capital of 26 foreign companies was furnished. Information in respect of remaining 7 companies is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.
- Request received from DPA for extension of time (1) on 21-8-75 upto 31-10-75 (2) on 12-11-75 upto 31-12-75 (3) on 19-1-76 upto 29-2-76 (4) on 6-3-76 upto 30-4-76 (5) on 4-5-76 upto 30-6-76 (6) on 30-6-76 upto 31-8-76.
27. USQ.No.7079 dt. 22-4-75 by Shri Nanubhai N. Patel.
- (a) whether working of each and every multi-national foreign firm was discussed in the Health Committee individually, including those having more than 26 per cent foreign equity ;
- (b) whether Government did not supply
- (b) & (c). It was *inter-alia* stated that regarding details about agreements entered by some foreign companies assurances have been given to the House as the details were not readily available. These
- Request received from DPA for extension of time (1) on 18-3-76 upto 30-4-76 (2) on 4-5-76 upto 30-6-76 (3) on 30-6-76 upto 31-8-76

either to the Hashi Committee or in answer to Questions the details about equity, agreements, licences, production, over-production, remittances particulars of bulk drugs produced and over-produced in respect of foreign firms although these were asked for in these forums ; and

details are being compiled now and will be furnished to the House in fulfilment of the assurances.

(c) if so, whether Government will supply all this information now, if not, reasons therefor.

28. USQ.No.7105 dt.
22-4-75 by Shri
S.R. Damani.

- (a) how many private sector drug manufacturing units have their own R & D cells and the facilities provided by them for carrying on the work ;
(b) what is the expenditure earmarked for this purpose and what it represents as percentage of their yearly turnover, during the last three years ;
(c) the success achieved in inventing new drugs or formulations.

(c) : M/s Ciba of India Ltd. Bombay have developed a new antidepressant drug namely silitamil and the company have already obtained a letter of intent for its commercial exploitation. Information with regard to others is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Requests received from DPA for extension of time
(1) on 13-6-75 upto 31-7-75
(2) on 10-11-75 upto 31-12-75
(3) on 29-12-75 upto 28-2-76
(4) on 25-2-76 upto 31-3-76
(5) on 18-3-76 upto 30-4-76
Since implemented on 26-5-76.

29. USQ.No.7262 dt.
22-4-75 by Shri
N.K. Sanghi and
Shri Madhu Dandavate.

- (a) the total profit the country has made through the export of drug manufactured by the foreign drug companies and the profits the companies themselves have made through their sale in the country during the last three years ;
(b) whether some of the foreign owned companies are producing medicines to a capacity which has not been authorised by Government and even in some cases they have been found producing sub-standard medicines ; and

(b) & (c) : Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Requests received from DPA for extension of time (1) on 5-8-75 upto 31-10-75 (2) on 13-11-75 upto 31-12-75 (3) on 1-1-76 upto 28-2-76 (4) on 25-2-76 upto 30-4-76 (5) on 4-5-76 upto 30-6-76. (6) on 6-7-76 upto 31-8-76.

(c) if so, the names of such companies who have been detected indulging in such activities during the last three years and the nature of steps taken against them.

30. USQ No. 7919 dt. 29-4-75 by Shri Vayalar Ravi.

(a) the number and names of drug firms which have increased their production capacities during the last three years; and
(b) the broad outlines of cases wherein they have been regularised and the actions taken against the non-regularised units.

Requests received from DPA for extension of time (1) on 5-8-75 upto 30-9-75 (2) on 8-10-75 up to 30-11-75 (3) on 9-12-75 upto 31-1-76 (4) on 22-1-76 upto 31-3-76 (5) 20-3-76 upto 31-5-76 (6) on 31-5-76 upto 31-7-76.

31. USQ. No. 8017 dt. 29-4-75 by Shri K. Lakshappa.

(a) the particulars of various soap producing firms in the country at present; and
(b) the total amount of profits earned by each one of them during 1972-73, 1973-74 and 1974-75.

Partly implemented *vide* statement laid in Lok Sabha on 9-1-76.

32. USQ. No. 8028 dt. 29-4-75 by Shri N.K. Sanghi.

(a) whether some drug manufacturing companies have offered to supply to Government drugs at cost price;
(b) if so, the names of such companies and the items that they have offered to supply; and
(c) whether these companies are manufacturing these items themselves or getting them manufactured by other units and whether Government have accepted the offer.

Partly implemented *vide* statement laid in Lok Sabha on 9-1-76.

Request received from DPA on 25-5-76 for extension of time upto 30-6-76.

33. USQ. No. 8076 dt. 29-4-75 by

(a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on

Requests received from DPA for extension of time (1) on

Shri Priya Ranjan Das
Munsi.

in West Bengal, what is the licensing capacity of each plant and what quantity of sulphuric acid has been produced by each of them during the last three years;

(b) what has been the total production of sulphuric acid and Olefina on an All India basis, State-wise during the last three years; and

(c) what quantity of sulphuric acid is consumed by each unit in the production of captive items such as superphosphate, ferric alumina and what quantity is sold to the consumers and to dealers/distributors.

34. USQ. No. 8678 dt. 6-5-75 by Shri Nanubhai N. Patel.

Referring to the reply given to USQ No. 5366 on 8th April, 1975 re. irregularities committed by M/s. Glaxo Laboratories (India) Limited and asking:—

(a) whether the information given by his Ministry is not correct;

(b) if so, whether M/s. Glaxo Laboratories (I) Limited are manufacturing a number of products without any approval/industrial licences and resorting to over-invoicing/under-invoicing;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to take penal action against this firm for violating the rules and regulations of this country for heavy repatriation abroad; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor.

the Table of the House.

28-7-75 upto 29-10-75
(2) on 10-11-75 upto 15-12-75
(3) on 22-12-75 upto 15-1-76
(4) on 22-1-76 upto 31-3-76 (5)
on 13-4-76 upto 30-4-76 Since
implemented on 26-5-76.

(a) to (d). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Requests received from DFA for extension of time (1) on 21-8-75 upto 31-10-75 (2) on 10-11-75 upto 31-12-75 (3) on 28-12-75 upto 28-2-76 (4) on 15-3-76 upto 30-4-76 (5) on 3-5-76 upto 30-6-76 (6) on 9-7-76 upto 31-8-76.

1	2	3	4	5
35.	USQ. No. 8776 dt. 6-5-75 by Shri Khemchand Bhai Chavda.	<p>(a) what were the items and capacities granted to M/s SKF in their C. O. B. licences and what were the main conditions of the licences;</p> <p>(b) whether M/s SKF did not apply for the manufacture of 'Eskaline' in the COB application and commenced the production of this item subsequently without valid approval; and</p> <p>(c) date of commencement of production of 'Eskaline' and the utilisation of imported expoilition in terms of quantity and value and under what authority the allocation of imported canalised material was made to them.</p>	(c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.	Requests received for DPA for extension of time (1) on 29-10-75 upto 31-12-75 (2) on 29-12-75 upto 28-2-76 (3) on 25-2-76 upto 31-3-76 Since implemented on 26-5-76.
36.	USQ. No. 8778 dt. 6-5-75 by Shri Somchand Solanki.	<p>(a) how many drugs and pharmaceuticals - raw materials were canalised during the Fourth Plan, their import prices and international prices;</p> <p>(b) whether the State Trading Corpn. has been floating the Price Control Order and realising prevalent prices for bulk drugs thus earning huge profits on inventories, bills of lading and sales vouchers; if so, the details thereof; raw materials imported, the prices, charged and international prices, during Fourth Plan period; and</p> <p>(c) whether State Trading Corporation is helping the foreign firms in allocating raw materials; if so, the grounds for doing so; and what action Government</p>	(a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.	Requests received from DPA for extension of time (1) on 5-8-75 upto 31-10-75 (2) on 19-11-75 upto 31-12-75 (3) on 5-1-76 upto 29-2-76.

propose to restrict this uncalled for activity of State Trading Corpn.

37. USQ. No. 8852 dt. 6-5-75 by Shri Hubam Chand Kachwai.

Referring to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 4718 on the 25th March, 1975 regarding licences granted to Foreign Drug Companies under 'Key industries' category and asking for:—

(a) the value of licences granted to M/s Merck Sharp and Dhorne of India Pvt. Ltd. and the dates when such licences were granted;

(b) the value of raw material supplied to it since it went into production and the value of drugs manufactured by it during the last three years;

(c) whether the company, instead of utilizing the licence itself, passed it on to other firm; and

(d) if so, the full facts in this regard.

Requests received from DPA for extension of time (1) on 17-11-75 upto 31-12-75 (2) on 29-12-75 upto 28-2-76 (3) on 25-2-76 upto 30-4-76 (4) on 28-4-76 upto 30-6-76 (5) on 1-7-76 upto 31-8-76.

(b) to (d): Giving sales turnover during last three years it was stated, "Details regarding value of imported/canalised raw materials allowed to the company for the above project and details of their utilization are being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House."

MINUTES

Second Sitting

The Committee sat on Tuesday, the 13th July, 1976 from 11.00 hours to 12.15 hours.

PRESENT

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Shri Virbhadra Singh—*Chairman*

MEMBERS

2. Shri Virendra Agarwala
3. Shri Khemchandbhai Chavda
4. Shri Kinder Lal
5. Shri N. E. Horo
6. Shri Bijoy Modak
7. Shri E. V. Vikhe Patil
8. Shri K. Pradhani
9. Shri Mulki Raj Saini

SECRETARIAT

Shri K. D. Chatterjee—*Chief Examiner of Questions*

Shri S. N. Khanna—*Senior Examiner of Questions.*

*Review of pending assurances pertaining to Thirteenth Session
Fifth Lok Sabha.*

Memorandum No. 118

2. The Committee resumed further consideration of Memorandum No. 118 (Sl. Nos. 6, 10, 15, 16, 28, 33 & 35). The Members who had desired at the sitting of the Committee held on the 12th July, 1976 that a copy each of the statements laid on the Table of the House in implementation of the various assurances should be circulated to all Members of the Committee for their perusal before the Committee decide to treat those assurances as fully implemented, desired certain further clarifications in regard to the matter. After the Chairman explained the position to the Members in detail, they felt satisfied and agreed that scrutiny of the implementation statements may

be left to the Secretariat of the Committee as hitherto. They did not pursue their request for circulation of copies of implementation statements to each Member of the Committee. The Committee, thereafter, agreed to treat these assurances as implemented, except in the case of assurance mentioned at Sl. No. 16. The Committee decided to consider this matter further.

Requests from the Department of Parliamentary Affairs for dropping of assurances given in reply to Unstarred Question No. 986 on the 1st June, 1971 regarding demand by Tamil Nadu Government for giving Right to Primary Teachers to elect representatives for Legislative Council and in reply to Unstarred Question No. 8529 on the 6th May, 1969 regarding participation of Teachers in the election of Legislative Councils.

Memoranda Nos. 119 and 120

3. The Committee took up together Memoranda Nos. 119 and 120 for consideration.

The assurance given in reply to Unstarred Question No. 986 on the 1st June, 1971 was reviewed by the Committee at their sitting held on the 5th October, 1972, alongwith other pending assurances of Second Session of Fifth Lok Sabha. The Committee had granted extension of time upto the 1st December, 1972 for implementation of the assurance and had desired that the Government should make earnest efforts to implement the assurance by the extended date.

The assurance given in reply to Unstarred Question No. 8529 on the 6th May, 1969 was reviewed by the Committee at their sitting held on the 2nd August, 1971 alongwith other pending assurances of the Seventh Session of Fourth Lok Sabha. The Committee had desired that the assurance should be implemented expeditiously.

Thereafter, requests were made twice by the Ministry of Law, Justice and Company Affairs through the Department of Parliamentary Affairs for extension of time-limit for implementation of these assurances. The Committee had agreed to grant extensions and the last extension was granted upto the 31st December, 1975.

The Ministry of Law, Justice and Company Affairs had represented through the Department of Parliamentary Affairs that the Governments of Bihar, Karnataka and Uttar Pradesh had not sent their views in the matter inspite of many reminders. Further, the subject was a controversial one as certain State Governments were in favour of abolition of Legislative Councils. As a long time had

elapsed after the questions under reference had been answered in Lok Sabha and no early decisions in the matters were likely to be taken by Government, these assurances might be dropped.

The Committee felt that non-receipt of views from the Governments of Bihar, Karnataka and Uttar Pradesh was not a sufficient and justifiable ground for dropping the assurances. It was not clear to the Committee as to whether the matter had been examined by the Government as promised and if so what the outcome was. After fully considering the matter, the Committee did not agree to drop these assurances and desired to be informed whether the Government had examined the matter and the result thereof.

Request from the Department of Parliamentary Affairs for dropping of an assurance given in reply to Unstarred Question No. 7494 on the 10th August, 1971 regarding reduction in age of franchise.

Memorandum No. 121

4. The Committee took up for consideration Memorandum No. 121.

The assurance contained in part (b) of the reply to the Unstarred Question No. 7494 was reviewed by the Committee at their sitting held on the 5th October, 1972 alongwith other pending assurances of Second Session of Fifth Lok Sabha. The Committee had desired that the assurance should be implemented expeditiously.

Thereafter, requests were made twice by the Ministry of Law, Justice and Company Affairs through the Department of Parliamentary Affairs for extension of time for implementation of the assurance. The Committee agreed to grant the extensions and the last extension was granted upto the 31st December, 1975.

It had been represented by the Ministry of Law, Justice and Company Affairs through the Department of Parliamentary Affairs that the reduction in the age of voting from 21 to 18 years raised certain practical problems due to enlargement of the electorate by nearly 35 millions and the consequent additional electoral arrangements that may have to be made. Further, State Governments who had expressed their views in the matter were also divided in their opinion. As such, the matter required careful consideration and it was difficult to anticipate how long it would take for a decision to be reached in this behalf. Accordingly, the Ministry had requested for dropping of the assurance.

The Chairman pointed out that another assurance regarding lowering of voting age had been considered by the Committee

(1975-76) on the 24th February, 1976 and they had agreed to drop that assurance *vide* Sixteenth Report (para 9). The Chairman pointed out that the present case was similar to the earlier one.

The Committee were of the opinion that the matter of reducing the minimum age for voting from 21 years to 18 years was a matter of national and far reaching importance, affecting the younger generation. The Committee, therefore, did not agree to drop the assurance and desired to be informed whether the matter of reduction in age of franchise had been examined by the Government.

Request received from the Department of Parliamentary Affairs for dropping of an assurance given in reply to supplementaries on Starred Question No. 85 on the 18th November, 1974 regarding Committee on development of Urdu.

Memorandum No. 122

5. The Committee took up for consideration Memorandum No. 122.

The Ministry of Education, Social Welfare and Culture had earlier requested on the 7th February, 1975 for dropping of the assurance. The request was considered by the Committee at their sitting held on the 22nd August, 1975. The Committee *vide* paras 7 and 8 of their Twelfth Report, Fifth Lok Sabha presented to the House on the 9th January, 1976 had observed as under:—

'The Committee have perused the reasons advanced by Government for dropping of the assurance. The Ministry of Education and Social Welfare had represented that laying of the report of the Urdu Committee (on the Table of the House) was contingent upon happening of two events *viz.*, submission of the report by the Committee to the Government and completion of the examination of the report by the Government. The assurance given was, therefore, of a nature which could not be fulfilled within any specified period of time since the submission of the report by the Committee to the Government was not within the control of the Government. The report of the Committee after submission will also have to be examined in consultation not only with the Ministries concerned but also in consultation with the State Governments.

The Committee note that the "Urdu Committee" was appointed in 1972. They, therefore, desire to know the present stage of deliberations of that Committee and the date by

which their Report is likely to be submitted to the Government. The Committee, therefore, decide to have a factual note from Government before taking a final decision in the matter.'

On the 30th April, 1976, the Department of Parliamentary Affairs forwarded the following information furnished by the Ministry of Education, Social Welfare and Culture for being placed before the Committee on Government Assurances with a view to consider the desirability of dropping the assurances:—

- "(i) The Committee for Promotion of Urdu submitted its report to Government on the 8th May, 1975; and
- (ii) In view of the normal procedure for examination of the report already noted in para 7 of the 12th Report of the Committee on Government Assurances presented to the Lok Sabha on the 9th January, 1976, it is not possible to stipulate any definite time-limit within which the examination of the report will be completed."

The Committee noted that the report of the Committee for Promotion of Urdu had been submitted to the Government on the 8th May, 1975. As the report of the Urdu Committee had been received by the Government more than a year ago, and was pending consideration by them, the Committee saw no justification for dropping of the assurance. They urged the Government to expedite consideration of the report of the Urdu Committee and lay a copy of the report on the Table of the House in implementation of the assurance at an early date. The Committee, therefore, did not agree to drop the assurance.

Requests from the Department of Parliamentary Affairs for extension of time-limit for the implementation of certain assurances given during the various sessions of Fourth and Fifth Lok Sabha.

Memorandum No. 123

6. The Committee then took up for consideration various requests made by the Department of Parliamentary Affairs for the extension of time-limit for the implementation of 35 assurances given during the various sessions of Fourth and Fifth Lok Sabha, as shown in the Annexure to these Minutes.

After examining the reasons advanced by the Ministries concerned, the Committee agreed to grant extension of time for the implementation of the assurances upto the period shown against the relevant item in the Annexure. Observations made by the Committee

in certain cases are shown in column 5 of the Annexure for compliance by the Ministries concerned. The Committee desired that the Ministries concerned should implement the assurances by the extended dates.

In the case of assurances mentioned at Serial Nos. 8, 23, 24 and 32 of the Annexure, which were pending since November/December, 1974 without adequate reasons, the Committee decided to hear the representatives of the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilisers in order to know the reasons in detail and the difficulties experienced by the Ministry in collecting the information for implementation of the assurances before considering the question of extension of time.

The Committee then adjourned.

ANNEXURE

(Vide para 6 of Minutes of the Second Sitting)

Details of pending assurances for which the Department of Parliamentary Affairs have requested for extension of time and recommendations of the Committee thereon

Sl. No.	Particulars of Assurance	Reasons for asking extension	Extension granted by the Committee upto	Observations/Recommendations of the Committee
1	2	3	4	5
1.	USQ. No. 1993 dt. 25-11-74 by Dr. H. P. Sharma and Shri C. K. Chandra- ndrappan re. instructions to States to use MISA and DIR against hoarders of Foodgrains. (Agriculture & Irrigation)	The Information is still awaited from the Governments of Bihar, Karnataka and U.P. It is likely to take some more time to obtain the required information from the defaulting States. (Note from DPA dt. 2-6-76).	31-8-1976	Information already received from the States should be laid on the Table of the House.
2.	USQ. No. 159 dt. 11-11-74 by Sarva- shri Prasannabhai Mehta, M. Ka- thamuthu and P. A. Saminathan re: foodgrains recovered from hoar- ders under MISA. (Agriculture and Irrigation)	Further clarification about the information required for fulfilling the assurance is still awaited from some of the State Govern- ments. It is likely to take some more time to get the clarification from the defaulting States. (Note from DPA dt. 28-6-76).	30-9-1976	The Committee are unable to appreciate why so much time has been taken to implement this assurance while in the case of assurance mentioned at Sl. No. 1 above, information of similar nature has already been received from most of the States/Union Territories. Information already received should

be laid on the Table of the House without further delay.

31-1-1977

As the assurance is pending for a long time, the matter may be taken up with the Government of Uttar Pradesh at a higher level and the assurance implemented without further delay.

3. USQ. No. 795 dt. 15-11-74 by Dr. H. P. Sharma *re*: raids to find out evasion of Central Sales Tax.

(Finance)

The administration of Central Sales tax has been entrusted by law to State Governments and the required information has to be obtained from them. The assurance given in reply to the above question has been fulfilled in part on the basis of information received from States and Union territories except Uttar Pradesh. The Government of Uttar Pradesh has informed that assessment in respect of eleven out of the 31 firms whose premises were raided in October, 74 to find out evasion of sales tax has been completed. Evasion of Central Sales tax amounting to Rs. 1,21,505.74 was detected in these cases. The State Government has informed that steps are being taken to finalise the assessment in the remaining cases and the extent of evasion in these cases would be known only when the assessments are finalised.

(Note from DPA dt. 8-7-76)

4. USQ. No. 910 dt. 18-11-74 by Shri Sukhdeo Prasad Verma *re*: Foreign Scholars to India in 1973-74.
(Education, Social Welfare & Culture)

31-5-1976 The period of extension is already over. The Committee would like to know why information *re*: Foreign Scholars in India is not readily available with the Department of Science & Technology and I.C.A.R. They desired to know the latest position of the case.

5. USQ. No. 3616 dt. 9-12-74 by Shri Mulki Raj Saini *re*: Central grant

The assurance in question was partly implemented on the 11th March & 15th April,

31-8-1976

The Committee desire that suitable steps should be taken to expedite

to Bharat Sewak Samaj.
(Agriculture & Irrigation)

1976. Now the information in respect of Jammu & Kashmir is still awaited. The State Government has been reminded telegraphically and demi officially also.

(Note from DPA dt. 28-6-76)

6. USQ. No. 2500 dt. 1-12-71 by Shri Devinder Singh Garcha re: A.R.C. recommendation regarding increase in promotion quota to Class I. (Personnel & Administrative Reforms)

ARC's recommendations regarding increase in the promotion quota in the Class I Services is a general one and the question of enhancement of promotion quota in the IAS was linked up with that in the Central Services. The Prime Minister to whom the proposals were put up, has recently agreed to the issues being defined and examined separately. The Central Government is now working on that basis. It is also separately considering the introduction of a limited competitive examination confined to average employees of Central and State Governments for recruitment to IAS. The determination of a suitable quota of vacancies in the IAS for the proposed limited competitive examination is also an issue linked up with the promotion quota in the IAS. The government is examining the outline of the scheme and is in correspondence with the State Governments for finalising some of the aspects of the proposed limited competitive examination. In the circumstances explained above, the fulfilment of the assurance relating to the enhancement of the promotion quota in the IAS will take some more time.

(Note from DPA dt. 28-6-76)

implementation of the assurance in full.

18-12-1976 The Committee would like to know the latest position of the case and desire that effective steps should be taken to implement the assurance at an early date.

30-6-1976 The period of extension is already over. The Committee would like to know which of the States have not furnished information so far. Information already received should be laid on the Table of the House.

An extension of time upto 31-7-76 had been requested. The Committee would like to know which authority grants permission for diversification and from whom the information is to be collected.

As the Committee wanted to have full details about the difficulties experienced in the matter of collection of data, they desire to hear the representatives of the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers in regard to this assurance before considering the question of grant of extension of time.

30-9-1976 The Committee desire to know the reasons in detail for so much delay in implementation of the assurance which is pending for over 3 years.

9-7-1976 As the period of extension is already over, the Committee desire that suitable steps should be taken to implement the assurance without further delay.

Information from some of the States is still awaited. They are being reminded regularly.
(Note from DPA at 26-3-76)

It has not yet been possible for us to take any decision on the permission for diversification granted to M/s Hoechst. The matter is still under consideration in consultation with the firm and other departments etc. and it is likely to take some more time.

(Note from DPA dt. 10-6-76)

The matter is still under consideration in consultation with the State Government.
(Note from DPA dt. 22-6-76)

On receipt of clarification about the exact nature of information required for fulfilling the Assurance from the Committee on Government Assurances in February, 1976, the required information has been collected from various Departments. The Department of Economic Affairs, however, has not yet sent the requisite material.

7. USQ. No. 4228 dt. 12-12-74 by Shri Munji Raj Sani re: Hospitals run by Religious Organizations in the country.
(Health and Family Planning)

8. USQ. No. 3877 dt. 10-12-74 by Shri Khemschandbhai Chavda re: Permission for diversification granted to M/s Hoechst.
(Chemicals and Fertilizers)

9. USQ. No. 7444 dt. 18-4-73 by Shri Ramavtar Shastri re: complaint against the grant of pension.
(Home Affairs)

10. USQ. No. 3684 dt. 19-3-74 by Sarvashri N. R. Velzria and Arvind M. Patel re: application of Foreign Exchange Regulation Act to Foreign Companies.
(Law, Justice and Company Affairs)

That Department has informed us that they are likely to take some more time.

(Note from DPA dt. 8-4-76)

11. USQ. No. 3108 dt. 21-8-74 by Shri S. M. Siddayya re: scholarships to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes students.

(Home Affairs)

Part information was laid on the Table of the House on 9-1-76 vide item No. 20 set No. XII. The requisite information has been received from 4 States and 1 Union Territory, but 3 States viz., Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh and Nagaland are yet to furnish the information. As such, it may not be possible for this Ministry to fulfil the assurance finally by 31-3-1976.

(Note from DPA dt. 8-4-76)

12. USQ. No. 2539 dt. 11-3-74 by Sarvaswari Atal Bihari Vajpayee and Jagannath Rao Joshi re: Ministers in possession of Fallow land.

(Agriculture and Irrigation)

The required information for fulfilling the assurance has not yet been received from some of the Ministries. It is anticipated that it would take some more time to collect the required information.

(Note from DPA dt. 28-6-76)

13. USQ. No. 1245 dt. 20-11-74 by Sarvaswari S. A. Muruganathan and Indrajit Gupta re: Foreign aid received by Christian Institutions in Bihar.

(Home Affairs)

The Government of Bihar have informed that the requisite information is still being collected and will be sent shortly. The receipt of information from the State Government may take some more time.

(Note from DPA dt. 16-6-76)

14. USQ. No. 3891 dt. 10-12-74 by Shri Krishna Chandra Halder re: amount spent on forces deployed during strike period.

(Railways)

Complete information is still awaited from the State Governments of Bihar, Maharashtra and Orissa in regard to the number of PAC units deployed and the amount spent thereon during the 1974 Railway

31-5-1976 The period of extension was already over. The matter may be taken up with the faulting States at a higher level and information obtained without further delay for speedy implementation of the assurance.

30-9-1976 The Committee desire that suitable steps may be taken to expedite implementation of the assurance.

30-6-1976 As the period of extension is already over, the Committee desire that the assurance should be implemented without further delay.

31-8-1976 The Committee would like the matter to be taken up with the defaulting States at a higher level and assurance implemented in full at an early date.

Strike. It is hoped that information from these State Governments will be received shortly and the assurance which has been partially fulfilled, will be fulfilled *in toto*.

(Note from DPA dt. 28-6-76)

15. USQ. No. 899 dt. 27-7-73 by Shri Madhu Limaye *re*. grant of Import Entitlements to shareholders of Maruti Ltd. (Commerce).

30-9-1976

The Committee would like to know which regional office has not yet furnished complete information and what effective steps have been taken to obtain the same.

For the purpose of complete implementation of the remaining part of the assurance, some information is still awaited from one of the regional licensing authorities. The licensing authority is requiring time as each licensing file for more than one licensing period in respect of applications received for import entitlements from exporters has to be scrutinised. The number of files to be scrutinised is very large and this work has to be done by them in addition to their other day to day work.

(Note from DPA dt. 8-7-76)

16. USQ. No. 7663 dt. 25-4-75 by Shri Hamendra Singh Banerjee *re*: Mis-use of Import Licences. (Commerce).

[30-9-1976

The Committee are not convinced with the reasons given for asking extension for such a long time. They would like the Government to take more effective steps to implement the assurance expeditiously.

export obligation had expired, the party has been declared as a defaulter and suitable action has been taken against them. For the purpose of taking suitable action against defaulters, the licensing authorities have to follow up the procedure of show-cause notices etc. in accordance with the Imports (Control) Order. It is for this reason that the licensing authorities have not been able to give complete information so far.

(Note from DPA dt. 5-7-76).

17. USO. No. 3232 dt. 13-3-75 by Shri Chandra Shekhar Singh re: Central Directives to Delhi State about displaced persons evicted by Estate Office.
(Supply and Rehabilitation).

The Ministry deeply regret that they had not requested for time for implementation of the assurances, as promised, our by the Committee. It was an omission on the part of the Ministry in not having submitted the request for extension of time for implementation of the assurance and they submit their regret for the omission.

As the Committee is aware the subject matter of the assurance pertains to a period about 25 years ago and consequently the necessary information which might be available in records of even the Delhi Administration and the Directorate of Estates are not readily forthcoming. The matter, however, is still being pursued and taken up at higher level before a categorical reply can be given. For getting the complete information it is therefore, requested that

30-9-1976 The Committee desire that earnest efforts should be made to implement the assurance at an early date.

extension of time may be given upto 30-9-1976.

(Note from DPA dated 22-4-76).

18. USQ. No. 8678 dated 30-4-74 by Shri D. B. Chandra Gowda re: persons prosecuted for violating law prohibiting Dowry and child marriage during the last two years. (Law, Justice and Company Affair)

The Government of Karnataka has not yet furnished the information required for implementing the assurance. The State Government is being reminded officially.

30-6-1976

As the period of extension of time is over the Committee would like the assurance to be implemented in full without further delay.

On a further scrutiny it has been observed that the information supplied by the Government of West Bengal also does not tally with the period for which the information has been elicited in the Lok Sabha Question. Therefore the matter is being taken up again with the Government of West Bengal.

In the meantime the information received so far from the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations is being compiled and the same will be forwarded separately for partial implementation of assurance.

(Note from DPA dated 24-4-1976).

19. USQ. No. 4467 dated 13-12-74 by Shri Bisfwanah Jhunjhunwala re: cases of Economic offences against smugglers released by Courts. (Finance).

The Sales Tax Wing, who are to supply the information required in fulfilment of the assurance, have informed that the same is being collected by their lower formations and its collection will take atleast three more months.

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The Committee desire that the Sales Tax Wing should be asked to expedite the supply of information and assurance should be implemented at an earlier date.

(Note from DPA dated 19-6-76).

20. USQ. No. 4355 dated 13-12-74 by Shri R. R. Sharma re: Arrears of Taxes against share-holders of Maruti Limited. (Finance).
- The C.C.I. & E., who are to supply the information required in fulfilment of the assurance, have informed that the same is being collected by their lower formations and its collection will take atleast three more months.
- (Note from DPA dated 19-6-1976).
- The information was outstanding from the States of Assam, Rajasthan and Jammu & Kashmir when the part implementation Report was laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha on 5th Feb., 1976. The information from Assam and Jammu and Kashmir States has since been received. The information is still awaited from the State of Rajasthan. This Ministry has been trying to get the requisite information from the Government of Rajasthan. In spite of repeated d.o. as well as telegraphic reminders, the State Government has not furnished the requisite information so far. According to the latest communication received from that Government, the requisite information is being collected from the concerned authorities for which it will take some more time.
- (Note from DPA dt 30-4-76)
- Further partly implemented on 26-3-1976.
- The requisite information has been called for from the various State Governments.
21. USQ. No. 1602 dated 5-8-74 by Shri Shiv Kumar Shastri re: area of cultivable land ploughed by Tractor/ Bullocks. (Agriculture and Irrigation).
- The information was outstanding from the States of Assam, Rajasthan and Jammu & Kashmir when the part implementation Report was laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha on 5th Feb., 1976. The information from Assam and Jammu and Kashmir States has since been received. The information is still awaited from the State of Rajasthan. This Ministry has been trying to get the requisite information from the Government of Rajasthan. In spite of repeated d.o. as well as telegraphic reminders, the State Government has not furnished the requisite information so far. According to the latest communication received from that Government, the requisite information is being collected from the concerned authorities for which it will take some more time.
- (Note from DPA dt 30-4-76)
- Further partly implemented on 26-3-1976.
- The requisite information has been called for from the various State Governments.
22. USQ. No. 967 dt. 18-11-74 by Shri Jyotirmoy Bora re: flour

1-8-1976 As the assurance is pending for a long time, the Committee desire

The Committee desire that the C.C.I. & E. should be asked to supply the required information expeditiously.

The Committee desire that the matter may be taken up with the Rajasthan Government at a higher level to expedite the requisite information.

supplied to Bacteries.

(Agriculture and Irrigation).

Administrations with reference to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 967. However, as the State Governments/ Administrations have to obtain the requisite information from the District Authorities concerned, they could not furnish the information in due time. The Department has been reminding the defaulting State Governments/Administrations telegraphically requesting them to furnish the material to fulfil the assurance at the earliest. However, in spite of best efforts and repeated reminders, the required information has yet to be furnished by a few of the State Governments who have been reminded again telegraphically to expedite the same.

(Note from DPA dated 30-4-76).

23. USQ No. 2059 dated 26-11-74 by Shrimati Rosa Vidyadhar Deshpande re. private companies working in collaboration with multinational corporation.

(Chemicals & Fertilizers).

24. USQ No. 2102 dated 26-11-74 by Shri Khemchandbhai Chavda re. production of certain foreign drug firms during Fourth Plan.

(Chemicals and Fertilizers)

that the matter may be taken up with the defaulting State Governments/Administrations at a higher level. Whatever information has been received should be laid on the Table of the House expeditiously

An extension of time upto 30-6-76 had been requested by the Govt. and that period is already over. As the assurance was pending for a long time and no progress has been intimated to the Committee, they desire to hear the representatives of the Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers in this regard.

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The matter whether M/s. Sandoz, Abbott, SKF, May and Baker, Glaxo etc. have produced any item without valid permission/Industrial licence etc. is still under consideration, in consultation with the concerned Departments etc. and is likely to take some more time.

(Note from DPA dated 1-5-76).]

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25.	USQ. No. 5977 dated 8-4-74 by Shri Shankarrao Savant re: complaints from Maharashtra re: waste and non-consumable material in impounded food grains. (Agriculture and Irrigation).	A paper regarding reimbursement of loss to the State Government of Maharashtra has been received from them and is still under examination of the Department. Its examination will take some more time. (Note from DPA dated 4-5-76).	22-7-1976	The Committee desired to know the date when the paper was received from the Government of Maharashtra and what is the position regarding its examination. The Committee would like the assurance to be implemented expeditiously.
26.	USQ. No. 8503 dated 5-5-75 by Shri Suryanaray Bhoir re: wheat supplied to Balakrishna from Central zone. (Agriculture and Irrigation).	The requisite information has been called for from State Governments/Union Territories with reference to the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 8503. However, as the State Governments/ Administrations have to obtain requisite information from the District Authorities concerned, they have not been able to furnish the information in time. The Department has been reminding the defaulting State Governments/Administrations requesting to furnish the necessary material to enable us to fulfil the assurance at the earliest. In spite of best efforts and repeated reminders the requisite information has yet to be furnished by some of the State Governments who have been reminded again telegraphically to expedite the same. (Note from DPA dated 4-5-76).	5-8-1976	Information already received should be laid on the Table of the House expeditiously.
27.	USQ. No. 6083 dated 21-4-75 by Shri Tunga Oron re: complaints from Maharashtra re: waste and non-consumable material in impounded food grains.	A paper regarding reimbursement of loss to the State Government of Maharashtra has been received from them and is still under examination. The examination will take some more time. (Note from DPA dated 4-5-76).	30-7-1976	The Committee desired to know the date when the paper was received from the Government of Maharashtra and what is the position regarding its examination. The

Committee would like the assurance to be implemented expeditiously.

The period of extension is already over. The Committee would like to know the progress made in the matter.

(Note from DPA dated 4-5-76).

28. Supplementary on SQ. No. 813 dated 6-4-76 by Sarvesh K. Lakshya, P. M. Mody and Kanwar Lal Gupta re: hospitality offers received by officers of Finance Ministry from abroad for their sons. (Finance).

(Note from DPA dated 6-5-1976).

29. USQ. No. 1453 dated 21-11-73 by Shri N. K. Sanghi re: dispensing with Foreign collaboration in Technology.

(Science and Technology).

30. USQ. No. 490 dated 5-5-73 by Shri Mulki Raj Salunke re: schemes run by Bharat Sewak Samaj.

(Agriculture and Irrigation).

Ministry of Finance (Department of Economic Affairs) have examined the matter, but a decision has not been taken so far.

(Note from DPA dated 10-5-76).

The Bharat Sewak Samaj has so far supplied information from 10 States and has yet to furnish for 9 States. The Bharat Sewak Samaj in its latest reply while sending the information has intimated that the information with regard to the remaining States will also be expedited in due course. The complete information from the Central Bharat Sewak Samaj is still awaited and therefore the Department of Rural Development feel that the assurance is not capable of being fulfilled immediately. Efforts are, however, being made to get the information.

(Note from DPA dated 10-5-1976).

31-7-1976 The assurance is pending since November, 1973. The Committee would like the Government to implement the assurance without further delay.

5-8-1976 The information already received should be laid on the Table of the House.

31. SQ. No. 71 dt. 26-5-71 by Sarvaswari M. Kalyanasundaram and B. S. Bhama re: formation of Inter State Council.

(Home Affairs).

Recommendations Nos. 16 & 17 of ARC on Centre-State Relationships relating to formation of an Inter-State Council have been processed and a draft note for the Cabinet duly approved by Home Minister was circulated to the concerned Ministries for their concurrence. Replies have been received from all of them except from the Ministry of Finance. The draft note has been recast in the light of the views received from other Ministries.

(Note from DPA dt. 8-7-76)

32. USQ. No. 3879 dt. 10-12-74 by Shri Kheenchandbhai Chavda re: production of items by certain drug firms.
(Chemicals and Fertilizers).

It has not yet been possible to decide/verify whether M/s M.S.D. and Roche have produced any item without valid permission. The matter is being considered under consultation with the firms and other Depts. It is likely to take some more time.

(Note from DPA dt. 28-6-76).

33. USQ. No. 1511 dt. 21-11-74 by Shri Rajdeo Singh re: implementation of Third Pay Commissions recommendation in respect of Pharmacists.

(Health and Family Planning)

The required information for fulfilling the assurance is still awaited from some Ministries who are being reminded regularly. The receipt and consolidation thereof will take some more time.

(Note from DPA dt. 26-5-76).

34. USQ. No. 8217 dt. 25-4-74 by Shri Ramavtar Shastri re: coal stock at Topa colliery.

(Energy)

- 31-8-1976 The Committee desired to know the latest position of the case.

.. An extension of time upto 31-8-76 has been requested by the Government. As the assurance was pending for a long time, the Committee desire to hear the representatives of the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers before considering the question of grant of extension.

- 21-7-1976 The Committee would like to know which of the Ministries have failed to furnish the required information.

- 31-8-1976 The Committee desire that expeditious steps may be taken to implement the assurance without further delay.

further clarifications from the Committee which are awaited. It may take some more time before the assurance is fulfilled.

(Note from DPA dt 27-5-76).

The Central Board of Direct Taxes/Central Board of Excise & Customs who are to supply the information required in fulfilment of the assurance, have informed that the same is being collected by their lower formations and its collection will take some time.

(Note from DPA dt. 29-5-76).

35 USQ. No. 7643 dt. 25-4-75 by Shri Narain Chand Parashar re: punishment for economic offences. (Finance).

31-8-1976 The authorities concerned may be asked to expedite supply of information and the assurance implemented without further delay.

MINUTES
Fifth Sitting

The Committee sat on Friday, the 20th August, 1976 from 15.00 hours to 16.10 hours.

PRESENT

Shri Virbhadra Singh—*Chairman*

MEMBERS

2. Shri Virendra Agarwala
3. Shri Khemchandbhai Chavda
4. Shri N. E. Horo
5. Shri Inder J. Malhotra
6. Shri Sarjoo Pandey
7. Shri E. V. Vikhe Patil
8. Shri T. A. Patil
9. Shri Mulki Raj Saini

SECRETARIAT

Shri K. D. Chatterjee—*Chief Examiner of Questions.*

2. The Committee met the Chairman and Members of the Committee on Government Assurances of Kerala Legislative Assembly who were on a visit to New Delhi.

3. The Committee considered their Draft Seventeenth Report and adopted the same with slight modifications.

4. The Committee authorised the Chairman, and in his absence, Shri Virendra Agarwala, to present the Report on Wednesday, the 25th August, 1976.

The Committee then adjourned

APPENDIX

(Vide para 21 of the Report)

Statement showing the position of assurances as on 13th August, 1976.

(i) *Assurances pertaining to the Fourth Lok Sabha.*

Session	No. of pending assurances pertaining to Fourth Lok Sabha* selected by the Committee (5th Lok Sabha) for being pursued further, as on 25-5-1976	No. of assurances implemented/dropped upto 12-8-76 (last date of laying of implementation statements)	No. of assurances outstanding
Seventh Session, 1969	2	..	2***
Eighth Session, 1969	1	..	1**
Ninth Session, 1969	1	..	1②
Tenth Session, 1970	2	..	2‡
Eleventh Session, 1970	1	..	1§
TOTAL :	7	..	7

*573 pending assurances were originally selected by the First Committee (1971-72) of Fifth Lok Sabha for being pursued further.

*** Ministries of Information & Broadcasting and Law.

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② Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

‡ Ministries of Commerce and Finance.

§ Ministry of Commerce.

(ii) *Assurances pertaining to the Fifth Lok Sabha*

	No. of assurances culled out.	No. of assurances imple- mented/ dropped	No. of assuran- ces out- standing
First Session, 1971	42	42	Nil
Second Session, 1971	1007	1003	4
Third Session, 1971	347	344	3
Fourth Session, 1972	831	830	1
Fifth Session, 1972	351	349	2
Sixth Session, 1972	398	397	1
Seventh Session, 1973	847	843	4
Eighth Session, 1973	426	424	2
Ninth Session, 1973	490	484	6
Tenth Session, 1974	865	858	7
Eleventh Session, 1974	362	362	Nil
Twelfth Session, 1974	562	543	19
Thirteenth Session, 1975	898	871	27
Fourteenth Session 1975	Nil
Fifteenth Session, 1976	105	75	36
Sixteenth Session, 1976	292	147	145
TOTAL :	7823	7572	*251

*for Ministry-wise details, please see next page.

(iii) Ministry-wise details of outstanding assurances

Ministry/Department	Session of Fifth Lok Sabha														
	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	13th	15th	16th	Total
Agriculture & Irrigation									2		4	4		24	34
Commerce	1	1	1				2	1	1			1	1	10	19
Communications														1	1
Defence															
Edu., S.W. & Culture											2	1	1	11	15
External Affairs									2		3	2	2	12	21
Finance											2		1	1	4
Health & Family Planning															
Heavy Industry								2			1		4	6	16
Home Affairs	1											1		1	2
Industry & Civil Supplies															
Inf. & Broadcasting											1		2	1	4
Energy									1					5	6
Labour		1		1		1							4	10	17
Law, Justice & C. Affairs	2			1								2	6	4	15
Petroleum & Ch. and Fertiliz.					1	1		2			4	14	2	34	58

Ministry/Department	Session of Fifth Lok Sabha														
	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	13th	14th	16th	Total
Planning															1
Railways											2		3	7	12
Shipping & Transport													2	2	4
Steel & Mines									1			1	2	4	8
Supply & Rehabilitation												1			1
Tourism & Civil Aviation															
Works & Housing														7	7
Atomic Energy															
Science & Technology								1						1	2
Personnel & Adm. Reforms		1												2	3
TOTAL	4	3	1	2	1	4	2	6	7		19	27	30	145	251