

between 1 January, 1989 and 31 December, 1989 alongwith reasons therefor; and

(d) the total Government and bank money involved in these units?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) The data on sick Industrial units which are assisted by Banks, are collected by the Reserve Bank of India as per the definition of sickness adopted by it. The data collected by the Reserve bank of India do not indicate the total number of existing large, medium and small scale industrial units in Bihar and total number of workers engaged therein. It only gives information with regard to the sick industrial units.

(b) and (d). As per the latest information available from RBI, there are 29 sick units in Non-SSI* sector and 14,151 sick units in the SSI sector with an outstanding amount of Rs. 56.66 crores and Rs. 73.81 crores respectively in Bihar as at the end of December, 1987. Data collected by RBI do not indicate the number of workers retrenched.

A number of causes, both external and internal are responsible for industrial sickness in the country. Among the major causes are faulty project planning, management deficiencies, inefficient financial control diversion of resources, inadequate attention to R&D, obsolescence of technology and machinery, poor industrial relations, change in market demand, cost and scarcity of raw materials and other inputs and infrastructural constraints.

(c) The data collected by Reserve bank of India do not indicate the number of sick units which are closed and the number of workers affected by such closures.

Medical Equipments in Railway Hospitals

6151. SHRISANATKUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of imported medical diagnostic and therapeutic equipments installed in the various railway hospitals during the last two years and that proposed to be installed during the next two years, Zone-wise; and

(b) the expenditure involved thereon in foreign exchange in the past and future plans?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of Sabha.

Study Material for C.A. Examinations

6152. SHRIGANGA CHARAN LODHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the year in which the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, decided to allow the candidates to adopt Hindi medium for C.A. Examinations conducted by it;

(b) whether study material in hindi is being supplied by the Institute to those who want to take C.A. Examinations in Hindi;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps being taken or proposed to be taken to supply the study material in Hindi to such students; and

*Non-SSI sick units include medium scale industries also as per the definition of sickness adopted by Reserve by Bank of India since 1987 onwards.

(d) the date by which the study material will be supplied by the Institute in Hindi?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India decided to permit the candidates of its Entrance, Intermediate and Final Examinations to answer the questions in Hindi medium since June, 1984, May, 1986 and May, 1987 respectively.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d). The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India has taken a tentative decision to prepare and publish the study material in Hindi. Implementation of this decision is, however, taking time on account of the difficulties being faced in getting the study material translated in Hindi through a specialised agency. It is, therefore, not possible for the Institute to indicate any firm date by which the study material will be supplied to the students in Hindi.

Consumption of Pethidine Hydrochloride

6153. SHRI NIRMAL KANTI CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) the consumption of bulk drug Pethidine Hydrochloride in the country during 1987-88, 1988-89 and 1989-90; and the projected demand for 1990-91;

(b) the names of indigenous manufacturers of this drug;

(c) the gap between demand and production and how was it met; and

(d) the quantity and value of imports during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Consumption data of Pethidine Hcl. is not monitored by this Ministry. However, production in the organised sector during the last three years are given below:—

Year	A/c Unit	Production
1987-88	Kgs.	478
1988-89	"	515
*1989-90	"	380

*To the extent reported.

Demand estimated for this Drug for the year 1990-91 is 661 Kgs.

(b) M/s. Gluconate is the only company in the organised sector reporting production of Pethidine.

(c) and (d). Details of imports of individual drugs are not monitored by this Ministry. However, to the extent information available following were the imports of this drug during last few years:—