

prices such prices would stand frozen at their existing levels.

Government had also earlier reduced the prices for over 500 packs of formulations consequent to (i) a reduction in the prices of bulk drugs approved by Government, (ii) reduction in duties and levies on bulk drugs, (iii) reduction in c.i.f. prices of imported bulk drugs etc.

As a part of the 1979-80 Budget, Government exempted patent or proprietary medicines from the levy of special duty and excise (at 5 per cent of the basic rate of duty.). The resultant reduction, though miniscule has also been given effect to.

The benefit of the reductions indicated above would be available to consumers in rural areas also.

(b) The measures proposed to be taken by Government to enable the Drug Industry to achieve the objectives of the New Drug Policy have been set up in the Statement on New Drug Policy laid on the Table of the Sabha on 29th March, 1978.

(c) No such proposals have been received in this Ministry.

(d) Does not arise.

Books and other literature published regarding emergency excesses

10872. SHRI KANWAR LAL GUPTA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of books, pamphlets and other literature regarding excesses in Emergency including Shah Commission reports and white papers issued by Information and Broadcasting Ministry etc. were published by Government in the last two years,

(b) how many books and other literature regarding the performance of Janata Government were published by Government;

(c) what was the amount spent on (a) and (b);

(d) how much literature was sent to foreign countries and of (a) and (b) and how much was distributed in the country;

(e) how many books, etc., regarding (a) and (b) are lying with Government; and

(f) the reasons why Government have not published the aforesaid literature in large quantity and did not distribute inside and outside the country?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) A total of 7 books/pamphlets etc. regarding Emergency excesses have been published by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting during the last two years.

(b) A total number of 29 books/pamphlets regarding the performance of Janata Government have been published by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting during the last two years.

(c) As some of the books/pamphlets are still under production in some languages, the over-all expenditure incurred has not, so far, been compiled.

(d) & (e). The scope of distribution of these publications abroad being necessarily limited, a very marginal percentage has gone abroad; the bulk having been distributed in the country. The small number of copies retained are for record and to meet ad-hoc individual demands.

(f) Having regard to the funds available the print order for the various publications is adequate.