

on the applications of the companies and by applying the formula given in para 7 of DPCO, 1995.

Slowing down of growth in sale of drugs

505. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that growth in the sale of drugs has slowed down for the first time in the last two years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT JENA): (a) and (b) As per Economic Intelligence Service of Centre for Monitoring India Economy Pvt. Ltd. Mumbai, the sale value of Drugs and Pharmaceuticals during March, 2009, March, 2010 and March, 2011 are as under:—

Year	Rs. (in crores)
March, 2009	89500.0
March, 2010	96250.0
March, 2011	108250.0

- (c) In view of reply to (a) and (b) above, does not arise.

Misappropriation of subsidies meant for farmers

506. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there have been several cases of fertilizer companies misappropriating the subsidies meant for farmers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether these companies have also been found selling fertilizers at prices higher than mandated; and
- (d) if so, the steps Government is taking to ensure that fertilizer companies stop engaging in such practices?