

ment of Scientific and Industrial Research and it was found that Mettur Chemicals have very recently operated a pilot plant of 2 tonnes per annum capacity for few months and they may be able to set up a production plant of about 25 tonnes per annum capacity. However, they would need to instal several facilities to further improve current pilot plant technology so that it can satisfactorily produce high quality material in economic and consistent manner. He considered it desirable to obtain proven technology from abroad as soon as possible for establishing National Silicon Facility. However, a decision on setting up NSF's plant in India would be taken only after evaluating the results achieved by the production unit of 25 TPA being set up by the Mettur Chemicals.

#### Steps to Check Marine Pollution

1174. SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA :  
SHRI MOHANLAL PATEL :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether marine pollution has upset the coastal eco-system;

(b) the various factors responsible for marine pollution; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to check marine pollution and save the marine industry from destruction ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE AND ELECTRONICS (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) : (a) No Sir.

(b) The causes of marine pollution are the release of different types of wastes into the sea. These include domestic wastes from large cities industrial wastes, agricultural wastes, thermal and radio-active wastes, oil spills as well as washing of tankers.

(c) The Government has constituted a Committee on the prevention and control of marine pollution. An action plan has been drawn up which will be implemented by the different concerned departments and agencies to control pollution.

#### Selection of Remunerative and Non-Remunerative Railway Line

1175. SHRI GADADHAR SAHA : Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state the basis of selecting remunerative and non-remunerative railway line by the Planning Commission ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN) : Proposals for the construction of new railway lines are formulated by the Ministry of Railways and are referred to the Planning Commission for approval. Lines which yield a return of 10% on investment, calculated under the Discounted Cash Flow technique, are categorised as remunerative. Clearance of the projects is decided by the Planning Commission broadly on considerations such as traffic requirements, strategic needs, access to under-developed areas, provision of alternatives for congested routes or extension of existing lines to cover missing links.

#### Recommendations of National Police Commission on Police Public Relationship

1176. SHRI ANIL BASU : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Police Commission has made some recommendations for eliciting public cooperation and improving police-public relationship;

(b) if so, the nature of such recommendations;

(c) whether the said recommendations have been sent to the State Governments for implementation; and