

are following, the policy that Ministries/ Departments may deal with service associations of their employees, without insisting on formal recognition, if they fulfil the conditions prescribed in the relevant guidelines on the subject.

“Environmental Problems in Gangetic Basin in West Bengal”

1192. SHRI BHOLA NATH SEN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether number of pollutants mainly industrial wastes go into the Ganga as it flows through West Bengal ;

(b) if so, details thereof ;

(c) the solution to the environmental problems threatening the Gangetic basin in West Bengal ; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BIR SEN) : (a) and (b). The main stream of the Ganga in West Bengal is estimated to receive 69 per cent of the pollutional load from industrial wastes and 31 per cent from domestic wastes.

(c) Some of the major solution are :—

(i) Building up of sewer system equipped with secondary treatment plant in urban units particularly in the municipal towns; building up of low cost waste stabilisation ponds and common treatment facilities in the municipal towns.

(ii) Improvement and augmentation of the inadequate sewer systems existing in the municipal towns.

(iii) Provision and increase of the quantum of organised water supply in the towns which have sewer systems.

(iv) Monitoring and control of industrial effluents.

(d) Seventeen Cities in West Bengal (excluding the Municipal Corporations of Calcutta and Howrah) where sewage treatment plants will be installed/augmented under the Ganga Action Plan are : Bharampur, Nabadwip, Hugli, Chuchura, Chandannagar, Bhatpara, Barrackpore, Sriramour, Titagarh, Panihati Baji, Kamarhati, Baranagar, South Dum Dum, Jadavpur, Garden Reach, Naihati and South Suburban.

Manufacturing of Uranium by Pak with U.S. Aid

1193. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL :
SHRI R.P. GAEKWAD :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Pakistan has started manufacture of enriched uranium with the assistance of USA which has been acknowledged by the Pak Government ;

(b) whether in addition China is also helping Pakistan in this regard ;

(c) whether Pakistan has attained capability to convert the existing expertise and material for manufacture of atomic weapons ; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government in this regard vis-a-vis the security requirement of our country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN) : (a) to (c). Government have seen reports to this effect.

(d) Government are monitoring with utmost vigil all developments having a bearing on the country's security.

Central assistance for development of Darjeeling hill areas

1194. SHRI ANANDA PATHAK : Will the Minister of PLANNING pleased to state :