

Damage to Coconut cultivation due to pollution

36. DR. HENRY AUSTIN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the wide-spread damage to Coconut cultivation in Vypeen Islands in general and Kadamakudi Panchayat in particular consequent on the pollution by poisonous smoke coming of the Fertilizer and Chemicals Ltd. in Udyog Mandal, Ernakulam Dist. Kerala and the destruction to the marine and back water wealth arising from uncontrolled letting out of poisonous waste materials into the Periyar river; and

(b) if so, steps taken by Government to deal with these serious ecological problems?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA): (a) and (b). According to available information, no complaints have been received from Vypeen Islands in general and Kadamakudi Panchayat in particular about damage to coconut plantation as a result of any fumes from the Udyogamandal unit of FACT. No representations have been received from any of the local bodies or institutions regarding damage to marine or backwater wealth due to letting out of the effluents into the Periyar river. In the past there were some individual representations regarding decay in marine life due to effluents. There were also some oral representations by the local Panchayat before the Estimate Committee of the Kerala legislature in general about the atmospheric and water pollution from the chemical factories in the Udyogamandal area.

The company is presently discharging effluents into the river, with the approval of the Kerala State Board for Prevention and Control of Water Pollution, after neutralising the pollutants. The company has also

prepared a long-term scheme for the prevention of water pollution on a permanent basis. The scheme which is estimated to cost about Rs. 125 lakhs is under the consideration of the Kerala State Board for Prevention and Control of Water Pollution.

पूर्वोत्तर सीमान्त रेलवे पर कट्टिनिया में नया स्टेशन बनाने का प्रस्ताव

37. श्री युवराज : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या पूर्वोत्तर सीमान्त रेलवे पर कट्टिहार मालदह सेक्शन पर कट्टिनियां मानक स्थान पर एक नया स्टेशन बनाने का विचार है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो यह नया स्टेशन कब तक बन जायेगा ?

रेल मंत्री (प्रो० मधु बण्डवते) : (क) जी हां ।

(ख) आशा है कि यह स्टेशन इस वर्ष की समाप्ति तक खुल जायेगा ।

बरोनी से कट्टिहार तक बड़ी रेल लाइन

38. श्री युवराज : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या बरोनी से कट्टिहार तक बड़ी रेल लाइन न होने से दिल्ली का गौहाटी अ साम नागालैंड आदि से सीधा सम्पर्क नहीं है ;

(ख) क्या दिल्ली-आसाम मेल के यान्त्रियों को अपनी यात्रा के दौरान बरोनी में बड़ी रेल लाइन की गाड़ियों से मीटर गेज की गाड़ियों से आना जाना पड़ता है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो कट्टिहार के रास्ते से सम्पूर्ण पूर्वोत्तर भारत से सीधा सम्पर्क