

Industrial Houses Dealings in Man-made Fibre

205. SHRI S. M. KRISHNA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of industrial houses dealing in man-made fibre industry which have been granted licences for the start of new ventures; issued letters of intent; expansion of their existing capacity during the year 1979-80;

(b) the particulars of the licences granted, the capacity, and capital outlay involved and the extent of foreign collaboration, if any, involved in each case; and

(c) whether there exists any mechanism in his Ministry to monitor the proper and timely utilisation of these licences; if so, what?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) No fresh letter of intent or industrial licence was issued during 1970-80 for setting up any new unit or for expansion of any existing unit for the manufacture of synthetic fibres.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Heavy Erosion on the banks of River Subarnarekha

206. SHRI NARAYAN CHOUBEY: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of heavy erosion on the banks of the river Subarnarekha in the police station of Gopiballavpur, Nayagram and Datan of West Bengal and Jauswar of Orissa;

(b) whether the O.T. Road linking West Bengal with Orissa has been endangered due to this erosion near Sonarkaria in Dantan P. S. in West Bengal; and

(c) if so, what steps do the Government intend to take or have already taken to halt this erosion?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION (SHRI KEDAR PANDAY): (a) to (c). The Government of West Bengal has reported that erosion is caused by the river Subarnarekha at Sonarkaria near the approach to the railway bridge and the O.T. Road. The West Bengal Government has formulated a scheme to provide protection against this erosion at a cost of Rs. 31 lakhs, and this scheme is being processed for execution.

The Orissa Government has reported that there is erosion by the river Subarnarekha in the area of Jaleswar Police Station. But the O.T. Road linking West Bengal and Orissa has not been endangered in Orissa on this account. The Orissa Government has informed that anti-erosion works have been constructed near Gobaragod, Seikhsbad and Mahulia. Anti-erosion works are also being taken up in Mallipal, Rajapur and Panchughanta, Sukhei Dukhei villages.

Families to be settled in Dandakaranya Project

207. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of families still to be settled in Dandakaranya Projects; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to settle the refugees at Dandakaranya Projects with full benefits?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING, SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) 5,364 families, as at present.

(b) 3,600 families are proposed to be settled during Kharif 1980 and the remaining during Kharif 1981 with full rehabilitation benefits as per prescribed norms.