

The motion is carried by a majority of the total membership of the House and by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the members present and voting.

The Bill, as amended, is passed by the requisite majority, in accordance with the provisions of Article 368 of the Constitution.

The motion was adopted.

MR. SPEAKER: Now, Matters under Rule 377.

(Interruptions)

16.14 hrs.

[DR. THAMBI DURAI *in the Chair*]

16.14 hrs.

MATTERS UNDER RULE 377

[*English*]

- (i) **Need for measures to prevent pollution of air and water from effluents discharged by Hindustan Newsprint Ltd., Vellore**

SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA (Kottayam) : Sir, pollution has taken place in and around the area of Vellore in Kottayam District due to Hindustan Newsprint Ltd. being situated there. The Company's waste emissions have polluted both the air and water. The air is polluted mainly by the gaseous discharges which contain chemical waste. The process of digesting the major raw materials like Reed, Bamboo and Eucalyptus for making pulp releases substantial quantity of vapour mingled with chemical substances causing bad smell throughout the atmosphere. Another important factor which contributes to air pollution is chipper dust, coal dust, lime and chemical dust. Water flowing through the Moovattupuzha River which is the only source of drinking water and irrigation in the area comprising

the entire Valkom Taluka is getting polluted. Even though the Company has established a treatment plant, it is not adequate enough for purifying the discharged water. That plant has also ceased to function for the last two years. I request that effective measures should be taken to prevent air and water pollution in the area.

- (ii) **Need for sufficient funds for preservation of Lohara Zoological Park in Chandrapur district in Maharashtra**

SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE (Chandrapur) : It is learnt that Lohara Zoological Park in 500 acres of forest land in Chandrapur District of Maharashtra is being cancelled in the name of 'Distance-Postulate' draft policy of Government of India.

American conservationist, Sally Walker has recommended this project for the conservation of wild animals. With its rich flora and fauna of rare species this can become nucleus of unique educational centre in the country. It will radiate the message of flora, fauna and deteriorating eco-system to the entire country in multi-directions.

Six lakh and fifty thousand rupees have already been spent on this project.

I request the Government of India, Ministry of Environment and Forests to take necessary steps to preserve and protect Lohara Zoological Park in the interest of conservation of flora, fauna and rare wild life and give enough funds for its progress and completion.

- (iii) **Need for new technology for cutting and polishing diamonds**

SHRI PRAKASH KOKO BRAHMBHATT (Baroda) : A study has pointed out that sparkle of Gujarat's diamond cutting and polishing industry on the export front may well lose its glamour and glitz if it is not encouraged to modernise and absorb new techniques of cutting and polishing that are