

हैं। सरकार को राजधानी में एक अभियान चलाकर उन गुण्डों को गिरफ्तार करना चाहिए और अवैध कब्जा हटाना चाहिए !

सच बात तो यह है कि भूमिहानों के नाम पर वे लोग धंदा कर रहे हैं। उसे दूर किए जाने का प्रबन्ध किया जाना चाहिए और देश में समस्त भूमिहान मजदूरों का सूचा बनाकर, उन्हें एक निर्धारित तिथि को सार्वजनिक रूप से उपलब्ध जमीन का आवंटन किया जाना चाहिए ताकि बिचौलियों और दलालों की दाल न गल सके।

(iv) NEED FOR EFFECTIVE MEASURES TO CHECK SALINITY OF THE RIVER PERIYAR.

SHRI B. M. BANATWALLA (Pannani): The increasing salinity of the Periyar rive has created a severe crisis in the Cochin. Always industrial belt. The salinity problem has crippled almost all industrial units in the area. Travancore-Cochin Chemicals Indian Rare Earths, Premier Tyres. Hindustan Insecticides and others have been obliged to shut down their plants for the past one week for fear of damage that breakish water may cause to their costly equipments, FACT Udyogmandal division is the worst hit.

The previous UDF Government in Kerala had called a Conference to study the development and take appropriate measures. The Conference was, however, cancelled on the Government tendering resignation.

I urge upon the Government to take immediately effective measures

to handle the serious crisis. Appropriate long-term measures will also have to be taken on priority basis.

I request the Government to make a statement in the House as regards measures taken to deal with this serious crisis.

(v) STEPS TO CHECK POLLUTION OF MUVATTUPZHA RIVER.

SHRI K. KUNHAMBU (Cannanore): I want to draw the attention of the Government to a serious situation arising out of the pollution of the Muvattupuzha river caused by the the newsprint factory at Vellor, Kerala. While the setting up of the factory is an important step in the industrial development of Kerala, the essential safety measures against pollution of water, air etc. caused by the factory have to be taken. In the case of newsprint factory at Velloor, there is a growing feeling among the people that the management is not taking adequate steps to save the people from the harmful effects of pollution particularly the water.

Muzattupuzha river is one of those few rivers which have not yet been subjected to the perils of water pollution. Gifted with an abundant supply of crystal clear water throughout the year, this river is the life line of about 3 lakhs of people living in Vayalathur, Kanayannoor and Chertalai taluks of Kottayam, Ernakulam and Alleppey districts of Kerala.

The factory is using 40 crore litres of water every day. The treatment plant set up in the factory is mainly intended to control the Oxygen content of the effluent. It is ineffective in removing the most deadly poisonous