

**Pollution of Kali River by Modi Distilleries**

\*210. SHRI RAM BHAGAT PASWAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that Messers Modi distilleries have polluted the water of Kali River which is harmful to the health of the people living in neighbouring villages ; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take in the matter ?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI RAJIV GANDHI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) U.P. Pollution Control Board presented in October 1983 this industry under the provisions of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and the case is still continuing.

**Acquiring of Cobra Helicopter Gunships by Pakistan from United States**

\*211. SHRI MOHANBHAI PATEL : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that Pakistan has received a first batch of cobra helicopter gunships from the United States ;

(a) whether Government are also aware of Pakistan's continuing nuclear development ; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Indian Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) Government are concerned at the continued acquisition of sophisticated arms by Pakistan and at the possibility of Pakistan's nuclear programme having a non-peaceful dimension. Our concern

has been conveyed to both the Governments of the United States and Pakistan. Government are monitoring with utmost vigil all developments having a bearing on the country's security.

**Development of Technology in Rural Areas**

\*212. SHRI MOOL CHAND DAGA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the laboratories under C.S.I.R. are concentrating on developing such processes which serve the elite sections of society and little attention has been paid towards the development of technology to benefit people belonging to economically weaker sections of society like artisans, small and marginal farmers, etc. ;

(b) if so, action taken by Government to make CSIR work in this respect ; and

(c) the action C.S.I.R. proposes to take to popularise its programmes in the rural areas ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE AND ELECTRONICS (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) CSIR is popularising its programme in the rural areas through films, mass media and publications and pamphlets in regional languages. It has established direct linkages with rural development agencies. Several National Laboratories, their extension centres and Poly-technology Transfer Centres are engaged in the development and dissemination of CSIR technologies in the rural and backward areas. Seminar, Conferences and Workshops are held for popularising the relevant CSIR technologies.