

Installation of pollution control devices

***292 SHRI V. SOBHANADDRESSWARA RAO :** Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to install modern scientific devices to control pollution;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to take any stringent measures for proper administration of the provisions of the anti-pollution laws; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

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

(b) The devices include :

— improved systems for physical, chemical and biological treatment, utilisation, recycling and disposal of solid and liquid wastes; and

— high efficiency electrostatic precipitators, filters and scrubbers for control of emissions.

(c) Yes, Sir;

(d) Since the provisions of the existing anti-pollution laws were inadequate, the Government recently got enacted the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 to enable enforcement of stringent measures including deterrent penalties and closure of polluting installations.

World Bank aided social forestry programme in Kerala

***293. DR. SUDHIR ROY :** Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Union Government are

aware of the Rs. 60-crore World Bank aided social forestry programme in Kerala; and

(b) if so, whether the project is sound from the feasibility as well as viability angle ?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI RAJIV GANDHI) : (a) Yes, Sir. The project outlay is of the order of approximately Rs. 60 crores.

(b) Yes, Sir. The project is based on sound assumptions, feasible and economically viable.

Test result of water drained into sea from Tarapur project

***294. PROF. K. V. THOMAS :** Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether common salt prepared from sea water near Tarapur Atomic Energy Project is radio-active;

(b) whether test results of water drained into the sea from Tarapur during the last six months are available; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

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

(b) All results are available.

(c) The results show that the discharges are far below the limits set for the purpose.

Prediction of monsoon variations to plan crop patterns

***295. SHRI SOMNATH RATH :** Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state -