

(d) what steps are being taken to improve and rectify the defects of Cochin Phase II and when the plant is likely to be commissioned for productions?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA): (a) to (d). Cochin Phase-II Project of FACT consist of three major plants viz.

- (1) Sulphuric acid plant;
- (2) Phosphoric acid plant; and
- (3) NPK plant.

Sulphuric acid plant and phosphoric acid plant have been successfully commissioned and are presently operating satisfactorily. The Company has also been able to operate successfully the NPK plant for producing NPK formulations 28:28:0 and 18:46:0. However, certain difficulties were experienced in successfully operating the plant for production of NPK 17:17:17 formulations. The company has obtained expert advice from the foreign collaborators viz. M/s. Davy Power Gas Company, US and modifications found necessary are being carried out. FACT have only to meet the expenditure for the expert expatriate personnel sent by their foreign collaborators at their request in accordance with the terms of the technical contract with them.

### बाल विवाह अधिनियम और दहेज-रोक अधिनियम

\*746. श्री ओम प्रकाश त्यागी : क्या बिधि, न्याय और कम्पनी कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को पता है कि बाल विवाह अधिनियम और दहेज-रोक अधिनियम अब तक प्रभावी सिद्ध नहीं हुए हैं और ये दोनों ही सामाजिक कुरीतियाँ अभी तक विद्यमान हैं; और

(ख) क्या सरकार का विचार उक्त दोनों अपराधों को प्रज्ञेय अपराध मानने के लिए वर्तमान अधिनियमों में संशोधन करने का है ?

बिधि, न्याय और कम्पनी कार्य मंत्री (श्री शान्ति भूषण) : (क) और (ख). सरकार को यह जानकारी है कि बाल विवाह और दहेज का उन्मूलन करने में बालक विवाह अवरोध अधिनियम और दहेज प्रतिषेध अधिनियम पर्याप्त रूप से प्रभावी सिद्ध नहीं हुए हैं। इन अधिनियमों का संशोधन करने के प्रस्तावों पर, जिसके अन्तर्गत इनके अधीन अपराधों को संज्ञेय बनाने का प्रश्न भी है, विचार किया जा रहा है।

### Construction of West Coast Konkan Railway

\*747. SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state when will the work of construction of the West Coast Konkan Railway line begin and when is it expected to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): The Railway Ministry has taken up the question of the construction of Konkan line with the Planning Commission and their clearance is awaited.

### Adoption of Children Bill

\*748. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA:

SHRI SUKHENDRA SINGH:

Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Council of Social Welfare has urged the Government to consider the early passage of the Adoption of Children Bill; and