

(क) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार का विचार इस बारे में उच्च-स्तरीय जांच करने का है ?

बीजना, वेदोन्निवन और रक्षायन तथा सनाथ कल्याण मंत्री (श्री अशोक मेहता) :

(क) जी नहीं ?

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठना ।

(ग) सरकार को कश्चिन् परिस्थिति का ज्ञान नहीं है। वास्तव में राज्य को इन महीनों में पिछली अवधि के मुकाबले में मिटटी के तेल की सलाई अच्छी रही।

(घ) जी नहीं।

(ङ) उपर्युक्त उत्तर को दृष्टि में रखते हुए जांच की आवश्यकता नहीं है।

Marriageable Age

*166. Shrimati Sushila Kohatgi: Will the Minister of Health and Family Planning be pleased to state whether Government have any proposal under consideration to raise the age of consent and marriage for girls in the near future to control population growth more effectively?

The Minister of Health and Family Planning (Dr. S. Chandrasekhar): Yes, Sir

Haldia Refinery

*167. Shri C. C. Desai:
Shri R. Barua:

Will the Minister of Petroleum and Chemicals be pleased to state:

(a) whether any agreement has been signed with some foreign collaborators to set up the Haldia Refinery; and

(b) if so, the present position regarding the setting up of this Refinery?

The Minister of Planning, Petroleum and Chemicals and Social Welfare (Shri Asoka Mehta): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Negotiations with foreign collaborators are still in progress.

Legalisation of Abortion

*168. Shri S. Supakar: Will the Minister of Health and Family Planning be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to legalise abortion to prevent indiscriminate growth of population in the country; and

(b) if so, the broad details thereof?

The Minister of Health and Family Planning (Dr. S. Chandrasekhar):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of India appointed a Committee to study the question of legalisation of abortion. A note is placed on the Table of Sabha containing the broad recommendations of the Committee. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-158/67]. The report of the Committee is under consideration.

Manufacture of Loop

175. Shri Baburao Patel:

Shri Surendra Kumar Tapariah:

Will the Minister of Health and Family Planning be pleased to state:

(a) the types of contraceptives manufactured in India together with their particulars and the names of the factories manufacturing them;

(b) the amount invested in building these factories together with their recurring annual expenses;

(c) the annual production of each type of contraceptive,

(d) the cost of production of each contraceptive and the selling price fixed by Government;

(e) arrangements made for selling or distributing these contraceptives; and

(f) the other active and practical steps, besides the provision to use contraceptives, Government propose to take for the control of population?

The Minister of Health and Family Planning (Dr. S. Chandrasekhar):

(a) The types of contraceptives manufactured in India together with