

Ernakulam-Alleppey line 28%
 Alleppey-Kayamkulam 3%

Pollution from Tanneries

969. SHRI KAMLA PRASAD RAWAT : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether water of the Ganga river is polluted as a result of effluents discharged by tanneries and other factories in Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether the Supreme Court has directed to close down these factories;

(c) if so, whether these tanneries have been closed; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Hon'ble Supreme Court directed the closure of 29 tanneries in Kanpur.

(c) 26 out of the 29 tanneries directed for closure have stopped their operation. One unit was not in operation and two units could not be located.

(d) Does not arise.

Jurala Project

970. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO : Will the minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Union Government have recently rejected Jurala Project proposal submitted by Government of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government would reconsider the decision and clear the project ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND

FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Jurala Project has been rejected from environmental angle due to non-furnishing of environmental data and action plans.

(c) On the basis of the available environmental data reconsideration of the project is not possible.

Removal of Illiteracy Amongst 15-35 Age Group Persons

971. SHRI H. N. NANJE GOWDA : SHRI S. M. GURADDI :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have drawn up comprehensive plans to ensure that no person in the 15-35 age-group remained illiterate in the country;

(b) the plans that have been prepared to meet this challenge;

(c) if so, whether any time limit has been fixed for the same; and

(d) what is the total percentage of literacy in the age group of 15-35 and where the highest literacy exists in India ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) to (c). The Government have formulated a comprehensive programme known as "National Literacy Mission" to eradicate illiteracy in the 15-35 age group. Its objective is to impart functional literacy to 80 million illiterate persons in 15-35 age-group-30 million by 1980 and additional 50 million by 1995.

The following strategies will be adopted to achieve the objectives :

(i) Motivation centred programmes will be designed, with special care in regard to their form and content