

7. South Central Railway Mazdoor Union.

8. South Eastern Railwaymen's Union.

9. Western Railway Employees' Union.

Declaration of 'Protected workmen' in Railways

215. SHRI DHARAMGAJ SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 3197 on the 18th April, 1972 regarding declaration of 'Protected Workmen' in Railways and state:

(a) whether the information has since been collected;

(b) if so, the gist thereof; and

(c) if not, the time likely to be taken by Government to collect the information?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI T. A. PAI): (a) to (c). The information relating to Unstarred Question No. 3197 of 18th April, 1972 referred to is furnished in the statement laid on the Table of the House. [*Placed in Library See No. LT-3656/72*].

Design Trouble in Fertilizer and Chemicals Travancore Limited at the Trial Stage

216. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Cochin division plant of the Fertilizers and Chemicals Travancore Limited has developed any design troubles at the stage of trial running;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and whether it will affect the starting of commercial production in this factory and

(c) the steps taken to ensure the commissioning of this plant at due date and its effective functioning?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE AND PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI H. R. GOKHALE): (a) to (c). The construction of the fertilizer project has been completed, but during trial runs, some mechanical breakdowns and other difficulties have been encountered. The project authorities are giving close and continuing attention to these problems with a view to expediting the commissioning of this plant.

Expansion of Hindustan Antibiotics

218. SHRI JAGANNATH MISHRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal for the expansion of Hindustan Antibiotics; and

(b) if so, broad outlines of the expansion plan?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE AND PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI H. R. GOKHALE):

(a) and (b). Yes, sir. Hindustan Antibiotics Limited has been given a letter of intent for expanding its capacity for production of Streptomycin Sulphate from 80 tonnes to 160 tonnes at an estimated cost of Rs. 3.73 crores.

Additionally, with a view to diversifying its product mix, the undertaking is implementing projects for production of (i) 125 tonnes of Vitamin 'C' at an estimated cost of Rs. 163 lakhs, (ii) 2000 Kg. per annum of Neomycin Sulphate at an estimated cost of Rs. 20 lakhs and (iii) 5000 Kgs. of Semi-Synthetic Penicillin at an estimated cost of Rs. 62.50 lakhs.

Another letter of intent for the production of 6 tonnes p.c. of Erythromycin salts has also been given to the undertaking.

Under Utilisation of Installed Capacity in Pesticides Industry

219. SHRI Y. ESWARA REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state: