

MR. CHAIRMAN: All right, let us hear the couplet now.

SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER (Orissa): It is her maiden mention, Sir.

कु० सईदा खातून :

“बन्दे हैं तेरे कर दे इतना करम खुदारा,
इल्मों अबद से दामन भर जाए अब हमारा
पाबन्दे उम्र देखो, ये इल्म तो नहीं है
जिस उम्र में हो सीखो, हम सब का यह यकीं है
दरियाये इल्म का तो मिलता नहीं किनारा
बन्दे हैं तेरे कर दे इतना करम खुदारा।”

बस इतना कहते हुए मैं आपको धन्यवाद
देती हूँ और समाप्त करती हूँ।

REFERENCE TO THE REPORTED PROPOSAL TO EXPAND MATHURA REFINERY ENDAN- GERING TAJ MAHAL

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN (Tamil Nadu): Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the House to the item reported in the 'Indian Express', of Friday, the 8th August regarding the reported expansion of the Mathura refinery. It has been repeatedly pointed out in this House and elsewhere that the emissions and the pollutants that are being emitted by the Mathura refinery pose not only a serious health hazard to the people who live around but also to our national heritage, the Taj Mahal.

[Mr. Deputy Chairman in the Chair]

Sir, it is well known that the sulphur dioxide that is emitted by the Mathura refinery reacts with atmosphere to create sulphuric acid and sulphuric acid reacts on marble to create calcium sulphate causing yellow stains in the marble. On 18-10-1985, in an interview to the Patriot, an official of the Central Pollution Control Board admitted that the yellow stains in the marble in

the Taj were caused by sulphur dioxide in the atmosphere. On 7-4-1986 the 'Indian Express' reported that the National Laboratory for Conservation in Lucknow was conducting a survey to consider the yellow stains in the marble caused by the emissions from the Mathura refinery. We don't know yet as to what happened to the report. Again, the 'Indian Express' report dated 8th August says that under expansion the production of six million metric tonnes would now become 7.5 million metric tonnes per annum but the amount of sulphur dioxide would be strictly controlled. I say that even if the emission is strictly controlled, it stands to reason that over a period of time, over constant exposure, the yellow stains in the marble will definitely increase. Therefore, my suggestion to the Government would be to seriously consider the chances of moving the Mathura refinery to a spot down blow the Taj because, if they could remove the TV tower so that it would not spoil the look of the Taj, it would not be impossible to remove the refinery which is causing hazard to the marble itself. My second suggestion to the Government would be this. I am told authoritatively that sulphur is emitted only by the imported crude which is used in the Mathura Refinery. The Bombay High crude which accounts for 50 per cent, does not have any sulphur. Therefore, if the refinery cannot be shifted. I suggest that the Government should at least consider using 100 per cent Bombay High crude so that sulphur dioxide is not emitted.

REFERENCE TO THE PUBLICATION OF MALAYALAM VERSION OF A BOOKLET ENTITLED "ROLE OF A TEACHER IN THE DEVELOP- MENT OF A CHILD" JOINTLY BY UNICEF AND NCERT CONTAIN- ING MIS-LEADING INFORMATION

SHRI T. K. C. VADUTHALA (Kerala): Mr. Deputy Chairman, Sir, I am thankful for the opportunity