

Effluent from Baraimi Refinery

734. SHRI B. D. BARMAN : SHRI
BHOLA PRASAD : SHRI JAGJIT
SINGH ANAND : SHRI
INDRADEEP SINHA : SHRI
YOGENDRA SHARMA : DR.
Z. A. AHMAD :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND
CHEMICALS be pleased to
state :

(a) whether Government are aware
of the continuing pollution of the Ganga
by the effluent from the Barauni Refi-
nery in Bihar; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken
or have been taken by Government to
prevent the pollution of the river?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND
CHEMICALS (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ
KHAN) : (a) and (b) Indian Oil Corporation
have taken adequate steps to treat the
effluent discharged from the Barauni
Refinery into the Ganga so as to ensure that
the effluent meets the standards prescribed
by the Indian Standards Institution.

Value of Shares

735. SHRI B. D. BARMAN : SHRI
L. MAHAPATRO : SHRI S. G.
SARDESAI : SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA
: SHRI JAGJIT SINGH ANAND:

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

the percentage in value of the shares held
by the Government institutions like Life
Insurance Corporation and Unit Trust of
India in the National Rayon Corporation;

whether it is a fact that from July, 1974
onwards the Kapadias have gained a majority
on the Board of Directors of this
Corporation;

(c) whether Government are aware of
certain serious allegations against the
Kapadias; and

(d) if so, the nature of such allegations
and action taken on them?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE
MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND
COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI BEDA-
BRATA BARUA) : (a) According to the
information available with the Department,
the Unit Trust of India and Insurance
companies hold 22.5 per cent of the shares in
National Rayon Corporation Ltd.

(b) It is not possible to give a defi-
nite answer for the following reasons :

(i) Until the results of the poll taken at the
27th Annual General Meeting of the
Company held on 28-6-1974 are available, it
would not be possible to say whether the
candidates sponsored by Unit Trust of India or
those sponsored by Kapadia group will be
elected.

(ii) The question whether the 4 directors
elected at the 26th Annual General Meeting of
the Company held on 11th May, 1973, whose
appointment was not confirmed by the
Company Law Board, can be validly
considered to be Members of the Board of
Directors from July, 1974, raises a legal issue.

(c) and (d) The allegations made by
the Unit Trust of India in a position
presented in April, 1974 under Section
408 of the Companies Act dealt with
the unhealthy practices indulged in by
Kapadias in acquiring controlling votiny

¹ power in National Rayon Corporation Ltd..
the undesirable conduct of nominees of
Kapadia group on the Board of Directors in
this company and the unsatisfactory
performance of certain companies under
Kapadia management.

The Company Law Board heard the
petitioner and other interested parties on 20-6-
1974. The various issues arising out of the
petition are under consideration of the
Company Law Board.