

at any rate the limited hydro power in Mysore State will not be sufficient to cater to the requirements of the Southern Region on a long-term basis.

MANUFACTURE OF CHLOROTETRACYCLINE

433. SHRI C. D. PANDE : SHRI BANARSI DAS :

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

(a) the installed capacity for manufacture of chlorotetracycline at the Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals plants and their output during the last three years; and

(b) what use is being made of this drug in view of its being found unfit for human consumption ?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE AND PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI H. R. GOKHALE) : (a) and (b) A capacity of 26.5 tonnes per annum was installed for chlorotetracycline but this drug is not being produced at the Antibiotics plant of the Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Limited. The facilities created in this connection are being gradually diverted for the production of other drugs like tetracycline. Chlorotetracycline has a proven therapeutic value and has not been banned for human consumption in this country.

COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON FARAKKA-DHULIAN REGION

*434. SHRI SANAT KUMAR RAHA : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state whether Government have set up a Committee of Experts to find out ways and means to check erosion in the Farakka-Dhulian region in compliance with the request made by the West Bengal Government ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI BAIJ NATH KUREEL) :

A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

The Government of West Bengal had suggested in September, 1972 the constitution of a Technical Committee to make a

study of the problem of erosion on the right bank of the Ganga downstream of Farakka Barrage and to suggest remedial measures.

A team consisting of technical officers of Central Water and Power Commission, Central Water and Power Research Station, Poona, Farakka Barrage Project and the River Research Institute, West Bengal is already engaged in the study of the erosion problem near Bishwanathpur downstream of Farakka Barrage. The team after inspecting the area has proposed the construction of spurs for protection against erosion. The design of spurs is expected to be finalised shortly. It is considered that similar protection measures can be adopted in the other erosion affected reaches downstream of the Farakka Barrage. The State Government have been informed to prepare a comprehensive scheme of protection against erosion on the basis of the design recommended by the technical team.

CONVERSION OF DELHI-AHMEDABAD M.G. LINE INTO BROAD GAUGE

*435. SHRI GANESH LAL MALI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the progress made in the implementation of the scheme to convert railway line from Delhi to Ahmedabad from metre gauge into broad gauge; and

(b) the time by when the work is likely to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI T. A. PAI) : (a) and (b) A traffic survey is in progress for conversion of the Delhi-Ahmedabad metre gauge section into broad gauge. The survey is expected to be completed by December, 1972. Further consideration to this conversion scheme will be given after the results of the survey are known and the report is examined from all angles.

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*436. सरदार गुरुचरण सिंह टोहड़ा : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने भटिण्डा और फिरोजपुर के बीच चलने