

(a) whether fire broke out on the 6th April, 1972 in a vessel 'Ratnachandra' of the shipping Corporation of India carrying coal off Ceylon's coasts;

(b) if so, the number of people thrown over board and the number who received burn injuries; and

(c) the cause of fire ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMEN-  
TARY AFFAIRS AND SHIPPING AND  
TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR) :

(a) Yes, Sir. Smoke was first noticed coming out of batch Nos. 2 and 3 at 0800 hours on 3-4-1972. A minor explosion is reported to have occurred in batch No. 2 at 0836 hours on 4-4-1972.

(b) One seaman was thrown over board but was soon picked up. Two seamen suffered minor burn injuries.

(c) The fire was apparently due to spontaneous combustion of coal cargo in the vessel.

नई दिल्ली स्थित बयार्लसिंह कालेज  
द्वारा मांगी गयी बिलीय सहायता

5271. डा० संकटा प्रसाद : क्या शिक्षा  
और समाज कल्याण मन्त्री यह बताने की  
रूपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या दिल्ली विश्वविद्यालय से  
सम्बन्ध बयार्लसिंह कालेज ने केन्द्रीय सरकार  
से बिलीय सहायता मांगी है; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो यह धनराशि कितनी  
है और इस सम्बन्ध में सरकार ने क्या  
कार्यवाही की है ?

शिक्षा, समाज कल्याण तथा संस्कृति  
मंत्री (श्री० एस० नुसल हसन) : (क)  
विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग से बयार्लसिंह  
कालेज ने हस्त में कोई विशेष अनुदान नहीं

मांगा है। तथापि आयोग द्वारा निर्धारित  
मानदण्डों के अनुसार कालेज आयोग से  
प्रभावर्ती तथा अनुरक्षण अनुदान लेता  
रहता है।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Study conducted by the University of  
Phillippines on Fluids inside  
Unripe Coconuts

5272. SHRI RAJDEO SINGH : Will  
the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY  
PLANNING be pleased to state .

(a) whether according to a study con-  
ducted by the University of Phillipines,  
the water like fluid found inside unripe  
coconuts proves to be a good plasma  
expander to temporarily increase blood  
volume in cases of severe haemorrhage;

(b) whether it gave a survival rate of  
90 p. c. when tried on dogs; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose  
to undertake an experiment in view of  
availability of plenty of coconuts in our  
country ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE  
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMI-  
LY PLANNING (SHRI A. K. KISKU) :

(a) The Government is aware of the press  
report, appeared in "The Hindustan  
Times" dated the 10th April, 1972 that  
the University of Phillipines have conduct-  
ed a study on this subject.

(b) The results of the study are not  
yet known.

(c) The Indian Council of Medical  
Research, had carried out the scheme  
entitled "Comparative Study of I. V. use  
of natural coconut water and glucose saline  
in cases of gastroenteritis" at the Medical  
College, Trivandrum. Intravenous use of  
coconut water was found to be successful  
in correcting dehydration in cases of acute