

Courier Service between Lhasa and Nathu La

*5. { Shri D. C. Sharma:
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Shri Bibhuti Mishra:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of India are negotiating a new agreement with the Chinese Government for operating a courier service between Lhasa (Tibet) and Nathu La in Sikkim to maintain diplomatic communication; and

(b) if so, the outcome of the negotiations?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) These negotiations have been concluded and a contract specifying the terms of the courier service was signed in Lhasa on the 17th July, 1962.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know what the terms of this agreement are and how they are going to benefit both the countries?

Shri Dinesh Singh: According to our agreement, the Chinese Government will provide the transport from certain part of our border to Lhasa for the payment we shall make to them

Shri D. C. Sharma: Should I take it that before this courier service was established there was no channel of diplomatic communication between Lhasa and our country and if so what happened then?

Mr. Speaker: What was the previous arrangement for this purpose?

Shri Dinesh Singh: The same thing.

श्री भक्त दर्शन : श्रीमान्, यह तो नया करार किया गया है इस पर कब से अमल किया जाएगा :

श्री दिनेश सिंह : इस पर इस वक्त अमल हो रहा है ।

Shri Sham Lal Saraf: May I know if this courier service is meant exclusively for diplomatic services alone?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): Yes. Normally courier service is meant for the diplomatic bags and articles.

श्री काशी राम गुप्त : क्या पहले एग्रीमट और उस एग्रीमट में कोई विशेष फर्क है ?

श्री दिनेश सिंह : जी हाँ, पहले जो हमारी कोरियर सर्विस थी वह हर हफ्ते जाया करती थी अब यह हर पन्द्रहवें दिन जाया करेगी । पहले यहाँ से कुछ दूर तक हमारे म्यूल्स बगैरह जाते थे अब वॉर्डर में उनके म्यूल्स आयेगे ।

Hindustan Antibiotics, Pimpri

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Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri B. K. Das:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:
Shri Bhakt Darshan:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Research Laboratory attached to the Streptomycin plant of the Hindustan Antibiotics at Pimpri has developed a new strain yielding superior penicillin;

(b) if so, how it will effect the yield of penicillin at the installation;

(c) what are the factory's newer antibiotics;

(d) what is the medical opinion in this country and abroad towards the Pimpri factory's newer antibiotics;

(e) whether Government are considering the production of these newer antibiotics on a reasonable scale; and

(f) if so, when?