

श्री स० का० पाटिल : मुझे नहीं मालूम कि कहां बढ़ाए हैं। ऐसा चीन में होगा, श्वर नहीं।

श्री राघेलाल व्यास : श्री माननीय मिनिस्टर साहब ने बतलाया है कि डेफ्रिसिट एरियाज में कास्तकारों को कुछ ज्यादा देंगे।

क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि जो सरप्लस एरिया है, वहां के किसानों को और ज्यादा पैदा करने के लिए प्रोत्साहित करने के उद्देश्य से इस बारे में एक समान नीति नहीं रखी जायगी और उन किसानों को भी ज्यादा नहीं दिया जायगा ?

श्री स० का० पाटिल : चूंकि हम को ज्यादा दुकानें रखनी होंगी, इस लिए प्रोक्योरमेंट तो करना पड़ेगा। दुकानों को देने के लिए तो हमें चावल और गेहूं अपने पास रखने चाहिए। इस अवस्था में जो स्टेट्स फूड के बारे में डेफ्रिसिट हैं, वहां किस तरह प्रोक्योरमेंट होगा ? वहां कुछ न कुछ प्रलोभन तो देना चाहिए। एज ए वार मेजर अब थोड़ी चीज दी जायगी, तार्कि हमें कोई तकलीफ न उठानी पड़े।

श्री विभूति मिश्र : क्या यह सही है कि खाद्यान्न की कीमत तब बढ़ती है, जब फ्रानिड गूड्रज का दाम बढ़ता है ? क्या सरकार ऐसा सोचती है कि खाद्यान्न और फ्रानिड गूड्रज का दाम रिसप्रोकल हो ?

श्री स० का० पाटिल : हमारी मिनिस्ट्री में फ्रानिड गूड्रज नहीं है।

#### Medicines with Thalidomide

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 Shri P. K. Deo:  
 Shri Dinesh Bhattacharya:  
 Shri Bibhuti Mishra:  
 Shrimati Savitri Nigam:  
 Shri Mohan Swarup:  
 Shri Nambiar:  
 Shri Dajji:  
 Shri S. M. Banerjee:  
 Shri Joti Saroop:

Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of medicines containing thalidomide in different forms are being manufactured and marketed in the country; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to stop the manufacture and sale of this dangerous drug in any form?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Health (Dr. D. S. Raju):** (a) Investigations made by Government of India have revealed that neither thalidomide under any name nor preparations containing thalidomide are available in the country.

(b) Does not arise. However, the Drugs Standard Control Officers at the ports have been instructed to apprise the Customs authorities to be on the look out for stray import of this drug as part of personal baggage and to advise such passengers to refrain from using it.

**Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:** Apart from the question of this particular drug, thalidomide, is there any organisation or machinery to have a pre-sale check, analysis or examination, of drugs and medicines manufactured in the public and private sector industries, before their sale in the market?

**Dr. D. S. Raju:** Yes, Sir; we have got a very big organisation. There are drug control inspectors all over the country.

**Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:** Inspectors cannot analyse and check the drugs. I want your protection, Mr. Speaker. The answer is quite wide of the mark. Have they got any machinery to analyse and check the drugs? They have no scientists to analyse them. The senior Ministry may answer, Sir.

**Dr. D. S. Raju:** The drug control inspectors collect samples and send them to laboratories where the drugs are checked and analysed.

**Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:** Who does that?

**Dr. D. S. Raju:** The laboratory technicians and experts.

**The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar):** May I add to what my colleague has stated? The hon. Member probably refers to imported drugs.

**Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:** No; I am referring to drugs manufactured here in India.

**Dr. Sushila Nayar:** For the imported drugs....

**Mr. Speaker:** He does not refer to imported drugs.

**Dr. Sushila Nayar:** Let me explain, Sir. For the imported drugs, the Government of India is responsible. Samples are taken and checked. So far as the drugs within the country are concerned, which are being manufactured here, my colleague has already stated that samples are regularly taken and they are tested and checked. I cannot say that each and every batch of drugs that is being produced is checked. But random checking is being done. It is being analysed and the enforcement of the provisions of the Drugs Control Act is carried out as far as possible.

**Shri Daji:** Has the attention of Government been drawn to the fact that though thalidomide is not open for sale, there are drugs with similar constituents which are on sale and if so, may I know what steps have been taken to prohibit them?

**Dr. D. S. Raju:** There are three drugs in the market with composition which is somewhat similar to thalidomide....

**Some Hon. Members:** Not audible.

**Mr. Speaker:** The health minister should speak with greater vigour.

**Dr. D. S. Raju:** There are three drugs in the market with composition which is somewhat similar to thalidomide. They are doridon, megimide any hygroton. But their chemical composition is not identical with thalidomide. None of these contains the two radicles of thalidomide but only one of the radicles. Naturally the therapeutic effects vary.

**Shri Thirumala Rao:** Does the Ministry exercise any control over issuing licences for the import of this drug and if so, what manner of control is it?

**Dr. Sushila Nayar:** The licences are issued in consultation with the Drugs Controller of India.

#### Threat of Plague in the Country

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|        | Shri Nambiar                |
|        | Shri Subodh Hansda:         |
|        | Shri Narendra Singh Mahida: |
|        | Shri D. N. Tiwary:          |
|        | Shri Balmiki:               |

Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Director General of Health Services cautioned the 15th Regional Committee of W.H.O. at its session held in New Delhi in September, 1962 that plague was on the increase in Andhra Pradesh, Madras and Mysore States;

(b) if so, whether Government have given any warning to the people of these States of this danger; and

(c) what further steps are being taken to prevent its spread to other States?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Health (Dr. D. S. Raju):** (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) The following further steps have been taken to prevent its spread to other States:

- (1) Cyanofumigation.
- (2) Insecticidal spraying.