

over these undertakings gradually, specially those which are inefficient.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: You are asking the culprits to pronounce judgment on the. Why?

Mr. Speaker: Next question.

Pollution of Jamuna Water

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- *216. { **Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:**
Shri D. N. Tiwary:
Shri Bishwanath Roy:

Will the Minister of Health be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1221 on the 6th May, 1965 and state:

(a) whether the findings and conclusions of the Committee appointed to enquire into the causes of pollution of Jamuna water have since been considered by Government; and

(b) if so, with what result?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Health (Shri P. S. Naskar):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Appropriate action is being taken by the different authorities concerned, on all the recommendations.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: Considering that the dreaded month of September when, God forbid, a swollen Jamuna may burst her banks and play havoc with the life and property of the people, is fast approaching, is the minister in a position to firmly and categorically state that drinking water in New Delhi and Delhi will not then get contaminated and the citizens of the metropolis will not have to quench their thirst with joint water and sewage?

Shri P. S. Naskar: It is a matter of opinion.

Mr. Speaker: What about the first part, whether there is any hope that Delhi and New Delhi might get pure water?

Shri P. S. Naskar: The other day I had a discussion on this point with the
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Chairman of the Water-supply and Sewage Disposal Board, Dr. Roshan Lal. He assured me that so far there is no chance of pollution as occurred last year. Immediate action on the recommendations of the committee has been taken like putting a bund on the Najafgarh nullah, Badli dam and all that. Appropriate action has been taken. So far no such incident has happened.

Shri Kapur Singh: Why is this House being treated so lightly like this? Every day we are getting polluted water in our houses and we are being told that there is no chance of pollution.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: He said, there is no chance. He means, I hope there is no danger or apprehension? *(Interruptions).*

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: You know it better, Sir, how polluted water is supplied to us every day in our homes. Is the minister justified in saying like this?

Shri Kapur Singh: You must direct the treasury benches not to speak with this irresponsibility *(Interruptions).*

The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar): I can very well appreciate the anxiety and indignation of hon. Members because the water-supply situation has caused inconvenience...

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: Not mere inconvenience, but disease and death.

Mr. Speaker: It is not the anxiety, but the anger and rage that we have to suffer here.

Dr. Sushila Nayar: I used the word 'indignation' also, Sir. So far as the purity of the water that we supply in the taps is concerned, even the foreign experts that have come have said, and Dr. Taylor's report also unequivocally says... *(Interruptions).* May I request hon. Members to patiently hear the answer? I seek your protection, Sir, against this type of interruptions.

Mr. Speaker: The answer must be heard. At least chivalry should come to the rescue of the hon. Member. When a lady is answering they ought to be more patient.

An hon. Member: Sir, when we get polluted water. . . .

Mr. Speaker: Order, order. Shall I ask the hon. Minister to sit down and not to answer (*Interruption*).

श्री गुलशन : हम लोग अच्छा उत्तर नहीं चाहते बल्कि पापी हम लोग अच्छा चाहते हैं।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : इसका मतलब यह हुआ कि मैं दूसरे वक्ता पर चला जाता हूँ।

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: Shall I put the next question, Sir?

Mr. Speaker: If they do not want to hear, I shall pass on to the next question. This should not be the attitude of hon. Members. The Minister should be allowed to answer.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: I have put the question, Sir, and I want to listen to her.

Mr. Speaker: I can ask questions to be answered. That is all that I can do. I cannot do anything further. If hon. Members have not got the patience to hear the answer, I cannot help.

श्री श्रींकार लाल बेरवा : हम इन से पूछने हैं और यह टेलर से पूछती है यह कुछ समय में नहीं आता है।

Shri Swell: There are some hon. Members, Sir, who want to listen.

Mr. Speaker: Unless all the Members want to hear, even if only a few create interruptions, how can I proceed?

Shri Surendranath Dwivedy: Now they agree to hear the Minister.

Mr. Speaker: Is he sure of that agreement?

Shri Kapur Singh: It is unanimous.

Dr. Sushila Nayar: Sir, I was submitting that Dr. Taylor, whom we had invited to examine the whole matter, in his report has given an unequivocal opinion that while the water in the river Jamuna does get polluted, the quality of the water which is supplied to the citizens after processing, chlorination etc., has been uniformly of a high order and it is not polluted.

Shri Kapur Singh: Question.

Dr. Sushila Nayar: I wish to further say that even last year when there was so much talk about pollution in the river Jamuna the processing of the water was good and quite satisfactory and it was borne out by the fact that there were no epidemics and no increase of diseases. I wish to assure the House that we are taking every possible precaution to see that the water that they get is purified and safe for them to drink. So far as other troubles are concerned regarding quantity etc.,—sometimes when they open the tap in the beginning the water is a little muddy—all those things are also being looked into and I hope we will be able to remove these difficulties also.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: The Committee, Sir, whose report is under reference, has suggested a series of immediate measures and long-term measures. Among the immediate measures are two—I am sorry I have no time to read the suggestions in detail—which should have been completed by June 1965. One and a half months have passed since. Have they been completed or not? Also, what about the Master Plan for the water-supply scheme?

Dr. Sushila Nayar: Which one is he referring to?

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: Has she got the recommendations before her?

Dr. Sushila Nayar: Yes.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: One is Najafgarh Nallah left bank.

Dr. Sushila Nayar: That immediate programme has been completed.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: Then there is another on page 4. That too should have been completed by June 1965.

Dr. Sushila Nayar: Mention the name of the scheme.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: Work on the re-construction of a regular junction of the Burari Nallah etc. . . .

Dr. Sushila Nayar: Sir, I have got a six-page statement here regarding action taken on all the recommendations. If you like, I will place it on the Table.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: Let it be laid on the Table.

Mr. Speaker: That is my belief.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: Had it been laid earlier these questions would not have arisen.

Mr. Speaker: It has been raised just now.

श्री डा० ना० तिवारी : मंत्री महोदय को टेलर साहब का सर्टिफिकेट मिल गया और उन को भरोसा भी हो गया कि पानी एकदम शुद्ध है लेकिन मैंने देखा कि जब जब यमुना में बाढ़ आती है तो एक विज्ञप्ति निकलती है कि पानी गरम कर के पिया करें तो इसका क्या कारण है ? यदि पानी में कोई गंदगी नहीं है तो फिर पानी को गरम करने का आदेश क्यों दिया जाता है ?

डा० सुशीला नायर : हमेशा तो ऐसा आदेश नहीं दिया गया श्रीमन्, अलबत्ता पिछले साल जब थोड़ी भी गंका हुई थी कि शायद पानी में कोई दाष हो तो उस वक्त पानी उवाल कर पीने की सलाह दी गई थी ।

Shri Bishwanath Roy: Since the Jumna water is polluted for a considerable number of years, may I know the main reason that stands in the way of a complete check on pollution?

Dr. Sushila Nayar: River waters are always polluted. Jumna is much less polluted than the river Thames which supplies water to London. What the health authorities do is to process it, purify it and supply it to the consumer in a safe condition.

Polio Vaccine

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*217. { **Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha:**
Shrimati Savitri Nigam:
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:

Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that polio vaccine has completely run out of stock in Delhi;

(b) whether there is a possibility of getting the vaccine commercially; and

(c) if so, the measures Government propose to take in the matter?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Health (Shri P. S. Naskar): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Yes, Government is at present importing Polio Vaccine from the U.S.S.R. For meeting the long term requirements, however, arrangements have been made for the production of live polio vaccine at the Pasteur Institute of Southern India, Coonoor.

Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha: May I know whether any planned programme for polio vaccination of children is being taken up? If so, what is the target of the vaccination programme?

The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar): There is no planned programme to cover all the children in India at present because, firstly there are many other more urgent things that have still got to be done and, secondly, the production programme of Polio Vaccine has not been completed.