

Shri Nath Pai: May I know are we not a continuing... (Interruption).

Mr. Speaker: Order, order.

Shri C. Subramaniam: Therefore, I would plead with the hon. Member to give me some time so that I may have a fresh look into it.

Mr. Speaker: Will the hon. Minister then require a new six weeks?

Shri C. Subramaniam: I am sorry, I am unable to give any time limit so that I may not be caught again with regard to time limit.

Shri Tyagi: The other day the Defence Minister answered a query on the floor of the House to say that there was already some small car getting ready for manufacture in the Ordnance factories. Is the Minister collaborating with the other Minister or it will be a different car?

Mr. Speaker: This is what exactly he was saying.

Shri C. Subramaniam: It is a totally different proposal to manufacture a small car in the public sector: not in the Defence department, but in the Industries Department. The matter has been considered by a committee and the whole matter has been looked into. I only said that I would like to have some time to look into it and also assess the priority which will have to be given to this project. If we are to get foreign exchange. I will need the co-operation of the Finance Minister also in this respect if we have to take a final decision.

Several Hon. Members rose—

Mr. Speaker: Now, I think this should not be pursued any further. Shri S. C. Samanta.

Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: My name is also among the Members who have tabled the question.

Mr. Speaker: I have seen his name also along with others. Inclusion of a name does not necessarily imply that he would be called. Then again,

twice, thrice, four times the Minister has said that he wants some more time to look into the whole matter. We should give him time and then perhaps bring it up again.

Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: This is quite contrary to what had been said earlier. We have been given an assurance that it is not at the Ministerial level that the matter was pending.

Mr. Speaker: Let him get familiarised with the facts. Soon that matter may come up again. Shri S. C. Samanta.

Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: It militates against what was said.

**Central Drug Research Institute,
Lucknow**

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*302. { **Shri S. C. Samanta:**
Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:

Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) how far the expansion programme of the Central Drug Research Institute at Lucknow, has progressed;

(b) what new wings have recently been opened;

(c) whether necessary plants and and machineries have been installed; and

(d) if not, when their installation is expected to be completed?

The Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Shri Humayun Kabir): (a) The Institute has now nine scientific divisions and three sections for drug research and drug standardization with necessary facilities of staff and equipment.

(b) A new Block for Pilot Plant and Process Development, a building for Botany and Pharmacognosy Division and a hall for the Drug Museum were opened on 8th March, 1962.

(c) and (d). Plants and machines have been or are being installed. Equipment to be imported is expected to be received shortly.

Shri S. C. Samanta: Is it not a fact that this Institute is going to produce antibiotics by fermentation and also synthetic drugs and if so may I know whether sufficient space will be available for that?

Shri Humayun Kabir: It has a number of programmes, of which one is concerning the synthetic drugs. The Institute is putting up new buildings to accommodate these new projects.

डा० गोविन्द दास : जहाँ तक इस संस्था में खोज का संबंध है उम में किस तरह की औषधियों की खोज होगी ? क्या उम में आयुर्वेद की ओर दूसरी जो भारतीय पद्धतियाँ हैं उन की भी खोज होगी या किसी एक विशेष पद्धति की खोज होगी ?

Shri Humayun Kabir: The institute will look into the properties of medicines, see that they are properly standardised and in some cases also prepare synthetic medicines. Naturally, Ayurveda or any other system in which medicines are available will be the subject of examination in this institute.

Shri Subodh Hansda: The hon. Minister has stated that equipment will be imported from outside. May I know the amount set apart for equipment?

Shri Humayun Kabir: That is a very general question. I can give the programmes that we have for the current year. For the current year, the total capital expenditure will be Rs. 8½ lakhs. But unless the hon. Member asks me about specific projects, it is very difficult to give any reply.

Shri Sham Lal Saraf: May I know whether the drugs on which research is going on in this institute are only in the research stage or whether some of them have been put on commercial

use, and if so, the names of those drugs?

Shri Humayun Kabir: Research is at various degrees of progress. I think in regard to leucoderma, a certain amount of progress has been made. Very recently, some work has been done in regard to T.B., diabetes and cancer also, and some of the medicines are under trial in and outside the country. But, as you know, till clinical examination is complete, and has been spread over a number of years, commercial production is not undertaken, and it will not be safe also.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know whether there is any museum in this institute, which displays the comparative properties of modern medicines and indigenous medicines?

Shri Humayun Kabir: In the library and the laboratory, naturally, different types of medicines are compared. I cannot say offhand whether there is any museum in which they have been displayed in the form of a table.

Heavy Vehicle Factory at Avadi

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*304 { **Shri Subodh Hansda:**
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri M. R. Krishna:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether the plan and estimate of the heavy vehicle factory to be set up at Avadi has been prepared and approved by Government;

(b) if so, the total estimated cost of the project;

(c) whether the construction of the project has been started; and

(d) how many types of heavy vehicles are proposed to be manufactured in this factory?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Defence (Shri Raghuramiah):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The estimated cost of this project is Rs. 16 crores approximately