

sioner's comments thereon reached us on the 11th July. It has been with us for about four days now. I expect that with immediate consideration we shall finish the examination within a fortnight's time.

Mr. Speaker: As soon as it is over, I shall allow a discussion on this matter. I find it is an important matter where 7 people have died.

Shri Radhelal Vyas: Question No. 74 also relates to the influenza epidemic. It may be taken along with Question No. 40.

Shri Raghunath Singh: Question No. 75 also.

Mr. Speaker: Yes, if the hon. Minister is agreeable, they may be taken together.

The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar): Certainly.

Influenza Epidemic

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Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:
Shrimati Ila Palchoudhury:
Shri Raghunath Singh:
Shri Rup Narain.
Shri Heda:
Shri Supakar:
Shri Bhakt Darshan:
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Shri Sadhan Gupta:
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Shri Narayanankutty
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Shri Shree Narayan Das.
Shri Bibhuti Mishra:
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Shri Balmiki:
Shri Wodeyar:
Shri Kasliwal:
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Shri S. M. Banerjee:
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Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of cases of Influenza recorded in different places in India;

(b) how many of them proved fatal,

(c) the steps taken by Government in general for checking this disease all over India and the total amount spent by the Central Government thereto,

(d) whether medicines for the prevention and control of the epidemic were obtained from foreign countries as well,

(e) whether in view of the possibility of this disease breaking out again, Government have taken any steps for the control and treatment of the disease and if so, what, and

(f) whether this epidemic is due to radiation of radioactive materials on account of nuclear explosions?

The Minister of Health (Shri D. P. Karmarkar): (a) and (b) A statement is placed on the Table of Lok Sabha [See Appendix I, annexure No. 11]

(c) Following measures were taken:

(1) Check on importation of influenza from foreign countries by air and sea

(2) State Governments have declared Influenza as a notifiable disease and Government of India have declared it as an infectious disease

(3) Isolation and treatment of cases

(4) Prevention of overcrowding

(5) Health Education through press, radio, etc

(6) A sum of Rs 1,37,900 has been sanctioned for prevention and check of disease and manufacture of vaccine

(d) No

(e) All State Governments have been alerted and requested to keep

beds ready and stock pile essential drugs.

(f) Scientific data is not available to connect the nuclear explosions with present epidemic.

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 श्री प्र० क० देव :
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 श्री कोन्नर :
 श्री विमलित मिश्र :

क्या स्वास्थ्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) दिल्ली में शीत उबर से कुल कितने व्यक्ति रोग-ग्रस्त हुए ;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि सब रोगियों को दिल्ली के हस्पतालो मे स्थान नहीं मिल सका :

(ग) क्या इस रोग से ग्रस्त व्यक्तियों के उपचार के लिये दिल्ली में हस्पताल शिबिर खोले गये थे , और

(घ) यदि हां, तो कितने रोगियों के लिये; यदि नहीं, तो किस कारण ?

The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar): (a) 88,070 cases were recorded in Delhi up to July 1957

(b) No case requiring hospitalization was refused admission

(c) Yes

(d) Two emergency hospitals were established, one with 100 beds at Shahdara Municipal Area and the other with 150 beds in the Tibbia College. Two additional wards with 260 beds expandable to 300 were opened in the Irwin Hospital. Provision was also made to admit 150 cases in the Bara Hindu Rao Hospital. Influenza cases were also admitted in the 120 bedded Infectious Diseases Hospital.

Anti-Influenza Vaccine

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Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state

(a) whether the anti-influenza vaccine prepared at the Pasteur Institute at Coonoor has been experimented and found successful,

(b) the centres where it has been used on a large scale, and

(c) the after effect, if any, of the vaccine on the health of a patient?

The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar): (a) and (b) Anti-influenza vaccine under preparation at the Government of India Influenza Centre, Coonoor, has not yet been experimented upon to assess its protective value.

(c) The likely reaction from vaccination against influenza are.

(i) Local Slight redness, pain and swelling

(ii) General (a) fever, and (b) allergic reaction in individuals sensitive to eggs, if they have not been desensitised before immunisation

I should like to add that as this is a subject which is likely to interest a large number, we are circulating a small brochure on the subject

Shri Radha Raman: According to the statement that is handed over to us, we find that in the State of Madras, the total number of cases reported was 5,08,309 and in West Bengal 72,775. The deaths in these places is out of all proportion to the number of cases recorded, for instance in West Bengal the number of deaths is 211 against 72,775 recorded cases, and in another place the number of deaths is 145 against 3,35,724 recorded cases. May I know whether it was due to some