

was entrusted with the work of finding out as to how the fire broke out. After their investigation, they have not been able to indicate the cause of the fire, and they feel that perhaps the Inspector of Explosives, the Director of the Fire Brigade in Calcutta and the Civil Police may further probe into the matter. That they are doing.

**Shri Braj Raj Singh:** May we know whether the present Committee has been asked to investigate the amount of loss sustained by the Railway?

**Shri Jagjivan Ram:** The present Committee will not be able to do that. As I have indicated, we are collecting the information from the various railway stations about the goods that they forwarded to that godown. On the basis of that, the register will be reconstructed and then we will be in a position to assess the loss.

**श्री रघुनाथ सिंह :** मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि इस गोदाम में एक्सप्लोसिव क्यों रखा गया। जब कि चार पांच ही तरह के केस हिन्दुस्तान में हो चुके हैं तो इनको अलग क्यों नहीं किया रखा गया? दूसरे मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि वहाँ कोई गार्ड या अफसर था या नहीं?

**श्री शाहनवाज खाँ :** एक्सप्लोसिव वहाँ रखे जाने की खास पक्का इतला या सबूत नहीं है। जिस दिन यह एक्सीडेंट हुआ, उस दिन रेलवे प्रोटेक्शन फोर्स का एक सैनिक उसकी रक्षा के लिए ड्यूटी पर था।

**श्री रघुनाथ सिंह :** हम यह जानना चाहते हैं कि एक्सप्लोसिव दूसरे सामान के साथ रखा जाता है या नहीं और उसको अलग रखने का कोई इन्तिजाम है या नहीं?

**श्री शाहनवाज खाँ :** एक्सप्लोसिव अलाहिदा रखा जाता है। इसके रखने के लिए अलाहिदा रेलवे शैंड या गोदाम बगैरह तैयार किए जाते हैं। लेकिन जैसा कि

मिनिस्टर माहब ने एक्सप्लेन किया है, यह खोए हुए सामान का गोदाम था। कोई रक्षा का दुबड़ा आ गया या कोई बकसा या दूसरी बाधा आ गयी तो उसको अलग अलग खानों में रख दिया जाता था।

#### New Hospital in Delhi

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\*43. { **Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri:**  
**Shri Kodyan:**

Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a new 650-bedded hospital is proposed to be constructed in New Delhi with funds to be provided by the Rockefeller Foundation and the U.S. Technical Co-operation Mission;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal together with the quantum of financial assistance expected; and

(c) the progress made in connection therewith?

**The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposal is to construct and equip a 650-bedded hospital at the All Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi at an estimated cost of approximately Rs. 425.00 lakhs.

For the construction and development of the hospital of the Institute, the Rockefeller Foundation has agreed to provide \$ 500,000 and the Technical Co-operation Mission has allocated a grant of Rs. 290 lakhs.

(c) Estimates amounting to Rs. 57.61 lakhs for the construction of the frame-work of the hospital during the Second Five Year Plan period have been approved recently.

**Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri:** Will the hospital take into consideration the establishment of rural and urban centres where students and staff will be trained?

**Shri Karmarkar:** I could not say about the period unless I ask for the information. But I understood sometime back that they are taking speedy steps. I suppose they have some arrangement now and they are going to stabilise it later.

**Shrimati Ha Palchoudhuri:** How many people have been sent to the U.S.A. under both these grants—of the TCM and Rockefeller Foundation—for further study from the Faculty?

**Shri Karmarkar:** That is going from one question to absolutely another question. I shall answer that on notice.

**Shri Kadiyan:** In view of the fact that there is shortage of medical staff in the existing hospitals in Delhi, may I know whether Government are making special efforts to see that by the time this new hospital is ready to start work, adequate staff is made available?

**Shri Karmarkar:** Yes. It has been our best of efforts to take all steps necessary for providing staff. The staff position in Delhi is much better than what it was last year. We hope to fill very shortly a few vacancies that have arisen. For this institution, we are hoping that it will be possible to have proper staff. Even now there is a hospital with about 350 beds and it has been staffed by some of the best persons available in the country.

**Shri Sinhasan Singh:** May I know whether these funds allotted by the Rockefeller Foundation and the TCM were given to the Government of India for expenditure wherever they like or whether these were specifically earmarked for opening this hospital at Delhi?

**Shri Karmarkar:** These funds were specifically granted by them for this hospital.

**Maharajkumar Vijaya Anand:** May I know whether this will be called a Rockefeller gift and the hospital named after him?

**Shri Karmarkar:** No. There is no question of naming the hospital after him. They do not want it to be so named. It is also difficult to do that. That is not the practice.

**Shri Sinhasan Singh:** May I know whether the Government asked for this money or they voluntarily offered it?

**Shri Karmarkar:** The money is an absolutely voluntary offer. There is no doubt about that. About asking the money, sometimes there are informal feelers, 'If such a grant is made, would you take it?' Many times it is not on record. Now it is not as if we go on asking for any money at all. In this particular matter, an informal feeler was made and then we indicated to the informal feeler—origin station—that this matter would receive good consideration by Government, because other things being equal, it was quite a good and feasible proposition for us.

**Shri Sinhasan Singh:** In view of the dearth of—medical facilities in rural areas, how is it that Government are not considering extending such facilities to the rural areas but are confining the expenditure of all money received from abroad to providing medical facilities in the urban areas?

**Shri Karmarkar:** I am afraid my hon. friend is very badly informed. I thought he might be knowing about it, because there should be at least one primary health centre in his district and his constituency. These primary health centres, for instance, have received a fairly substantial aid from an international agency. Now, it is not as if we are the choosers. Things happen like that. Ultimately the decision that we come to is that if aid is given in a proper manner through a proper source and to a proper purpose, we accept it. That is the clear position.

**Shri Yadav Narayan Jadhav:** There was a Press report recently to the effect that almost all the hospitals are overcrowded. How long will it take

to complete the construction of the proposed hospital?

**Shri Karmarkar:** I am afraid I agree with that report, because hospitals in Delhi are overcrowded, a few of the patients coming in there absolutely unnecessarily. To my mind, taking the question on a generous scale, it would take another ten years for the arrangement to be absolutely adequate. But at the present moment, things are fairly satisfactory.

**Shri Yadav Narayan Jadhav:** My question as to how long it would take for this hospital to be completed has not been answered.

**Shri Jaipal Singh:** Earlier I had tried to elicit information from the hon. Minister as to whether Government *ou motu* approached voluntary organisation like the Rockefeller Foundation. Now the Minister tells us, 'We never went there. They just sort of whispered to us and they gave half a million dollars'. I want to know whether it is a fact that Government never approach voluntary institutions that are there ready and willing, without any political strings, to give us the wherewithal so that we could do useful welfare work.

**Mr. Speaker:** What is the good of asking a general question?

**The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru):** This is, of course, too general a question, as you have been pleased to say, for any adequate reply. But, taking this particular instance— I do not speak with absolute knowledge— it is very likely that the committee of the hospital or some member of the committee or the Chairman of the committee—not the Ministry—might go and speak to these institutions. That is what normally happens. It is not that Government approaches them; but people connected with these institutions, the Board or the Chairman of the Board might conceivably talk to them and approach them. I know that once or twice I have been asked by the Chairman, 'This offer is

made to us; may we accept it or may we not?'. Obviously, there has been some contact or talk with the Chairman. To my knowledge Government formally never makes these approaches.

**Shri Jaipal Singh:** It is rather a ticklish issue. I really wanted to find out whether such foundations like the Ford Foundation, the Rockefeller Foundation and a number of other foundations have necessarily to channel their awards, donations, contributions and the like through the Government or whether they can directly deal with institutions. That is what I was trying to get.

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru:** No; they are not supposed to deal directly. Informally, they might, perhaps, have talks. They have to come to Government at some stage or the other.

**Shri B. K. Gaikwad:** May I know the number of hospitals in Delhi and the number of beds provided therein and further whether Government can advise the Rockefeller Foundation and the U.S. Technical Co-operation Mission to construct such hospitals outside Delhi where there are no hospitals?

**Shri Karmarkar:** With regard to the latter half of the question my answer is ready because we do not propose to advise any foreign organisation regarding the advisability of having some grant somewhere or other, as it has been made clear also by the Prime Minister.

With regard to the first part, it is a good question but a fairly large question for which I should like to have notice.

**Shri Basappa:** May I know whether any part of the Rockefeller grant will be used for research; and if so, how much?

**Shri Karmarkar:** Yes; but, how much, I want notice.