

to the heart foundation. But as to the effects of vanaspati vis-a-vis heart disease, with your permission, Sir, I would say that in the opinion of heart specialists of USA and other places too much eating of any type of fat is a condition that might lead to heart disease.

श्री बजरज सिंह : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि कौन लोग इस हार्ट फाउण्डेशन की स्थापना कर रहे हैं और सरकार स्वयं इस तरह से फाउण्डेशन की संस्थापना में क्यों दिलचस्पी नहीं ले रही है ?

श्री कर्मरकर : जब आपके सामने एक चीज आ जायगी तो जरूर दिलचस्पी लेंगे। अभी तो एक डाक्टर व्हाइट अमेरिका से आये थे। उनकी मौजूदगी का फायदा उठा कर यहां के हार्ट स्पेशलिस्ट्स की जो एक असोसियेशन है उसने एक छोटी सी इसके वास्ते एक कमेटी बनाई जिसमें इस की चर्चा हुई। हम इन्तजार कर रहे हैं। जब वहां ठीक से काम चलेगा और सरकार मुनासिब समझेगी तब वह उसमें जरूर दिलचस्पी लेगी और जो कुछ संभव हो सकेगा उसमें सहायता भी देगी।

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know whether the kinds of researches that are proposed to be carried on in this foundation are at present being carried on in any institute in India?

Shri Karmarkar: Yes, Sir, for instance, the prevalence of heart disease was a subject of research by one of our distinguished professors, Dr. Padmavati of the Lady Hardinge Medical College and she has done good work in that matter. At different places also different types of researches are being conducted. The idea of having the foundation is to canalise all efforts in this direction so that possibly with the co-operation of Government we may be able to achieve better results in respect of the study of heart disease both in respect of incidence as also in respect of treatment.

Availability of Water in Rajasthan

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Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:
Shri Raghunath Singh:

Will the Minister of **Food and Agriculture** be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 978 on the 19th December 1960 and state:

(a) whether any estimate has been made of underground water in arid zone of Rajasthan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Deputy Minister of Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa): (a) and (b). It is not possible to make an assessment just yet, as exploration is still in progress. Of the area explored, Jaisalmer seems to be promising. The geologists have, however, recommended the drilling of 18 more sites, in order to demarcate the productive zone. These will be in addition to the 15 sites already drilled, and 10 sites now being drilled around Chandan.

श्री रघुनाथ सिंह : मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि यहां ड्रिलिंग जॉन हुई है वह सक्सेसफुल हुई है कि नहीं और वह एग््रीकलचर के वास्ते एकोनामिकल होगी या नहीं ?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: It takes some time, Sir, to establish the water availability. In a study of underground water movement one cannot come to immediate decisions. We have to study the data. The geologists and hydrologists are studying it, and after that study a decision will be arrived at.

Shri Damani: May I know the amount spent on this scheme up to now?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: It is a part of the big exploratory tube-well project under the TCM and Government of India collaboration. The whole scheme has been worked out. If the hon. Member wants the entire cost of the scheme I am prepared to give the information but I would request the hon. Member to table a separate question.

Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: May I know if the hon. Minister is aware that we have got an autonomous underground water board in Rajasthan; if so how the work of that board and the activities of the Central Government are co-ordinated for a common programme in this regard?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: The autonomous underground water board of Rajasthan and our exploratory tubewell project completely co-ordinate their work and it is only on their advice that we take up the work. The exploration part of the work is done by our exploratory tubewell project of the Government of India and production wells are dug by that organisation in Rajasthan.

Shri Raghunath Singh: May I know what happened to Pani Maharaj whose services were employed by the Central Government of India and money spent on him?

Mr. Speaker: He disappeared long ago.

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: When Shri Kidwai came he dismissed the Paniwala Maharaj.

Shri Kasliwal: We understand from the answer given by the hon. Minister that 15 units of tubewells are working satisfactorily and ten are not. May I know whether these 15 units are working satisfactorily, because it is found that there is an underground river flowing in Jaisalmer where the ten wells are not working properly?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: My answer was not that these 15 units are working successfully. I said that as part of the exploratory work the first project was to dig 15 tubewells in 15 places confined to six districts of Rajasthan—Jodhpur, Bikaner etc. Out of these districts, Chandan, which the hon. Member refers to, seems to be very very successful. We took up ten more wells in Jaisalmer District and they seem to be successful. The underground river might be running there,

but it is too early to state anything about it.

Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: May I know if the hon. Minister can give us even a broad idea of the areas where he thinks there is a possibility of underground water being found in abundance, particularly in Barmer area?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: It is for the geologists and the hydrologists to come to a final decision but as a layman with little experience I can say that Jaisalmer district seems to be full of potentialities because out of ten wells there eight are successful whereas in other areas not even one is successful.

Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: I wanted to know the hon. Deputy Minister's personal views.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. Minister says, please wait and see the report of the experts. What is the meaning of asking him. The hon. Deputy Minister does not come from Jaisalmer. The hon. Member comes from Rajasthan. Why should he ask some other person?

Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: I do not want his personal opinion. I know much more than the hon. Minister. That is correct. But I thought...

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: I would request him to wait for the experts' report.

Train Robbery near Kanpur

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{ **Shri Bishwanath Roy:**
Shri P. G. Deb:
Shri S. A. Mehdi:
 *572. } **Shri Narayanankutty Menon:**
Maharajkumar Vijaya
Ananda:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was a train robbery in a running train near Kanpur on the 21st May, 1961; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Railway to arrest the culprits?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) Yes Sir.