

LOK SABHA

Wednesday, March 14, 1962/Phalguna
23, 1883 (Saka).

The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the
Clock.

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Comet Brand Ammonium Chloride

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*19. { Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri:
Shri P. G. Deb:

Will the Minister of Health be
pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Govern-
ment has been drawn to a report
published in newspapers on the 8th
February, 1962, that a medicine (a
cough mixture) known as Ammonium
Chloride (Comet brand) manufactured
by M/s Alliance Drug and Chemical
Company of Bombay, when adminis-
tered to some indoor patients of
Brown Memorial Hospital at Ludhiana
(Punjab), caused deaths of two
patients and two others had to be
given an anti-dote for recovery from
its effects;

(b) if so, details of the incident; and

(c) the nature of action taken by
the Government of India to prevent
the use of the medicine under refer-
ence in the country and against its
manufacturers?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation
and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) Yes.

(b) and (c). A statement is laid
on the Table of the Sabha. [See
Appendix I, annexure No. 5.]

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Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri: In view
of the fact that this cough mixture
was seen to have contained potassium
cyanide in it, what has been done
about the people who manufactured
this stuff? Have they been taken into
custody?

Shri Hathi: The statement mentions
the steps already taken. The stock
has been frozen and the persons deal-
ing with it have been arrested.

Family Planning in India

*20. Shri P. G. Deb: Will the Minis-
ter of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have
decided to extend the Family Plan-
ning programme rapidly in India; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation
and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A note containing the required
information is laid on the Table. [See
Appendix I, annexure No. 6.]

Shri P. G. Deb: May I know the
amount allocated to the different
States for family planning?

Shri Hathi: I have not got the
break-up Statewise. A total amount
of Rs. 50 crores has been provided in
the Third Plan.

Shri P. G. Deb: May I know what
steps are being taken by Government
to provide contraceptives free of cost
mainly to the lower strata of people
in the country?

Shri Hathi: They will be provided
free.

Shri Basappa: Is Government
thinking of any legislative measures
for raising the age of marriage.

Shri Hathi: Government is not thinking of raising the age of marriage by legislation, though that would be one of the remedies, or one of the attempts to be made. But that will have to be achieved by social education.

श्री विभूति मिश्र : संतः निरोध योजना को सरकार सुदूर देहातों में और विशेषकर गरीब परिवारों में चलाने के लिए क्या इंतजाम सोच रही है ?

श्री हाथी : इस में जो स्टेटमेंट दिया गया है उस में लिखा है कि क्या २ करने का विचार है । हर एक गांव में दाईयों को ट्रेनिंग दी जायेगी । गांवों में सरकार इस के लिए आदमी भेजेगी जो कि वहां लोगों को इस के लिए एजुकेट करेंगे । वह सब इस में लिखा हुआ है ।

श्री प्रकाश वीर शास्त्री : परिवार नियोजन के लिए कुछ औषधियों पर भी परीक्षण किया जा रहा था; मैं जानना चाहूंगा कि क्या सरकार उस संबंध में किसी निश्चय पर पहुंच चुकी है और क्या कोई सफल औषधि इस सम्बन्ध में मिली है ?

श्री हाथी : मुझे पता नहीं है ?

Institute of Tropical Meteorology

*21. **Shri P. C. Borooah:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a scheme for the setting up of an Institute for Tropical Meteorology in Poona;

(b) if so, at what cost; and

(c) what measures have been taken to implement the scheme?

The Deputy Minister of Civil Aviation (Shri Mohiuddin): (a) Yes.

(b) The cost of equipment and other non-recurring expenditure, spread over 4 years, is estimated at about 57

lakhs, mostly in foreign currency and the recurring expenditure after completion of the scheme, is estimated at about 9 lakhs per year.

(c) The scheme has been approved by Government, in principle. It is expected that the nucleus of two Divisions of the Institute will be formed shortly.

Shri P. C. Borooah: May I know what would be the special feature of this Institute and whether any foreign aid, technical or otherwise, is expected?

Shri Mohiuddin: The special feature is that there will be concentrated and specialised research on tropical weather conditions including monsoon and so on. Of course, help by way of foreign exchange will also be necessary to carry out the scheme.

Shri P. C. Borooah: By what time will this Institute be completed and begin functioning?

Shri Mohiuddin: I cannot give any definite date. The whole scheme has been worked out in detail and it has to be approved. As I have stated in the main answer, a beginning will be made with one or two divisions of the whole scheme.

श्री विभूति मिश्र : सरकार पूना में ट्रोपिकल मेट्रोलोजी का इंस्टीच्यूट स्थापित करने जा रही है । अब हिन्दुस्तान चूंकि एक बहुत बड़ा देश है तो क्या अकेले इस से सारे देश के किसानों का काम चल पायेगा और क्या सरकार दूसरी जगह भी इस तरह का इंस्टीच्यूट स्थापित करने के बारे में सोच रही है ?

श्री मुहीउद्दीन : यह रिसर्च का काम है तहकीकात का काम है । इस के लिए सब से ज्यादा मौजू जगह इस वक्त हर लिहाज से पूना ही है । जरायत वालों का भी ताल्लुक इस के नतीजे के तौर पर बाद को आयेगा ।