

TRAINING OF HOMOEOPATH, *Ayurvedic* AND
UNANI MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS

*399. **Dr. Rama Rao:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to refer to the reply given to a supplementary question to starred question No. 27 asked on the 17th February, 1953 in the Council of States regarding Report of the Homœopathic Enquiry Committee and state how far the Minister's proposition that every one practising Homœopathy, *Ayurveda* or *Unani* should get basic training in the rational system of medicine, has been implemented?

The Deputy Minister of Health (Shrimati Chandrasekhar): The views of the Government of India that every one practising Homœopathy, *Ayurveda* or *Unani* should get basic training in the pre-clinical subjects just as others who are practising the modern system of medicine have already been communicated to the State Governments. The matter will be considered by the Central Council of Health at their next meeting.

Shri N. Sreekantan Nair: Are Government aware whether the doctors in the *Ayurvedic* Hospital in Trichur, where the hon. the Planning Minister is under treatment, have undergone this basic training?

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur): We have no information to that effect.

Seth Govind Das: For how long has this been under consideration?

Rajkumari Amrit Kaur: Sir, the States are autonomous in the matter of Health.

Shri A. M. Thomas: What exactly is the present policy of this Government towards these three systems?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: The policy cannot be asked in a single question. The hon. Member can only elicit answers about facts.

Shrimati Chandrasekhar: Even those persons who are undergoing medical training in *Ayurveda*, Homœopathy and *Unani* will have to have basic training in pre-clinical subjects just as people undergoing training in modern medicine have to do.

सेठ गोबिन्द दास: मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि यह विषय कितने दिनों से प्रान्तीय सरकारों और केन्द्रीय सरकार के सामने है और इस विषय में केन्द्रीय या प्रान्तीय सरकारों के निर्णय कब तक हो जाने की आशा की जा सकती है ?

राजकुमारी अमृत कौर : आनरेबिल मैम्बर को जानना चाहिए कि इसके बारे में निर्णय हो भी गया है और जामनगर में रिसर्च हो रहा है और इसमें काफी काम हो गया है ।

OPHTHALMIC HOSPITALS

*400. **Dr. Rama Rao:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state what is the Government of India's contribution towards the development of the Ophthalmic hospitals under the Five Year Plan?

The Deputy Minister of Health (Shrimati Chandrasekhar): No special provision has been made in the Five Year Plan to aid the development of Ophthalmic Hospitals in India.

Shri M. L. Dwivedi: May I know what is the progress made in connection with establishment of a Faculty of Ophthalmology in the Aligarh University?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: Does it arise out of this question?

Shrimati Chandrasekhar: We are helping the Aligarh University. I do not know the present position.

Dr. Rama Rao: Has the attention of Government been drawn to the great financial need of the ophthalmic