

could conclude that there has been decrease.

**Shri Dabhi:** May I know whether it is not a fact that the hon. Minister himself once replied to my question that adulteration was going on on a large scale?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** The situation has altered since, Sir.

सेठ गोविन्द दासा, एक सवाल न और पूछना चाहता हूँ।

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** No, no. I am sorry. Next question.

#### RE-IMBURSEMENT OF MEDICAL CHARGES

\*422. **Pandit M. B. Bhargava:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to part (c) of Starred Question No. 1895 asked on the 6th May, 1953 and state what decision has been taken to recognise the female section of the Government Civil Hospital, Ajmer for purpose of reimbursement of medical expenses incurred on the treatment of family members of Railway employees working on the Western Railway at Ajmer?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** It has been decided that the women's section of the Victoria Government Civil Hospital, Ajmer, should not be recognised for the purpose of reimbursement of medical expenses incurred on the treatment of the members of the family of railway servants of the Western Railway at Ajmer, as this Hospital is not a 'Government Hospital for Women' but a general hospital.

**Pandit M. B. Bhargava:** May I know, Sir, what alternative arrangement has been made for the treatment of the members of the family of railway servants in Ajmer?

**Shri Alagesan:** Yes, Sir. There is a railway hospital at Ajmer with 58 beds. Also there is a Government Women's Hospital in Ajmer which is available.

#### HOSPITALS IN RUSSIA

\*423. **Shri P. C. Bose:** (a) Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state whether she visited any hospital in any industrial area in Russia?

(b) If so, what are the distinctive features of such hospitals in Russia?

(c) What are the special diseases for which they go to the said hospitals?

(d) Are the hospitals in Russia as full as in India?

**The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur):** (a) Yes.

(b) Hospitals in Russia are run by and large, on the same lines as those in other European countries. Thus, every hospital has medical and surgical sections, X-Ray and laboratory services, special departments like Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat, Skin, Dentistry and more especially, full-fledged facilities for physiotherapy. Indoor accommodation varies according to local needs.

(c) There are no diseases peculiar to Russians.

(d) The hospitals visited by me were quite full. But I never saw a large number of people waiting for examination as is the case in all our hospitals in India.

**Shri P. C. Bose:** What is the size of the hospitals—the number of beds?

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** It varies according to the locality and needs.

**Shri N. M. Lingam:** May I know if the hon. Minister visited any mental hospitals in Russia? If so, what is the nature of the maladies treated therein?

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** The nature of the malady is madness.

**Shrimati Renu Chakravartty:** The hon. Minister mentioned about the distinctive features of the hospitals. Is the Minister aware of the prophylactic section in the hospitals which is a very distinctive feature of Russian hospitals?

**Rajkumari Amrit Kaur:** Prophylactic treatment is included in Physiotherapy, which includes prophylaxis. I would have the hon. Member remember that prophylaxis is done more outside hospitals than in hospitals.

**Shri Muniswamy:** May I know whether the Deputy Minister of Health has any proposal to visit Russia?

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** That does not arise out of this.

**Shri Velayudhan:** May I know, Sir, what steps the hon. Minister has taken to prevent overcrowding in hospitals in India?

**Rajkumari Amrit Kaur:** As time goes on, more and more hospitals will have to be provided.

सरदार ए० ए० सहगल : माननीय मंत्राणी महोदया ने अभी जो जो दौरा रूस का किया है उससे जो तजुर्बा उन्होंने प्राप्त किया है, क्या उसे माननीय सदस्यों के सामने रखने की कृपा करेंगी ?

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** There is a meeting fixed for the 22nd.

**Shri M. S. Gurupadaswamy:** May I know whether the hon. Minister has found private medical practitioners in Russia as in India?

**Rajkumari Amrit Kaur:** There is no ban on private practice, Sir, as such. But in view of the fact that all kinds of treatment can be had at the poly-clinics and hospitals, private practice has *ipso facto* come to an end.

**Shri Veeraswamy:** May I know whether the hon. Minister proposes to introduce in our hospitals any reforms on the lines of medical arrangements in Russia?

**Rajkumari Amrit Kaur:** I would have the hon. Member remember that I have no hospitals under me. They are practically all under.....

**Shri Nanadas:** May I know, Sir, whether the Minister contemplates

to issue a booklet regarding her experiences in Russia?

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** It is a suggestion for action. The hon. member may go and talk to the Minister.

#### WATER SUPPLY IN JHARIA COAL-FIELDS

\*426. **Shri P. C. Bose:** Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the water supply arrangements for the Jharia Coal-fields have become inadequate on account of increase in the population;

(b) what arrangements Government are making to augment the water supply to the coal-fields of Jharia; and

(c) how long it will take to complete the new arrangements?

**The Minister of Labour (Shri V. V. Giri):** (a) Yes, Government are aware that the water supply arrangements for Jharia coalfields are not adequate.

(b) The responsibility for arranging adequate supply of water to the coal-fields rests primarily with the State Government. The Government of Bihar have approved a scheme prepared by the Jharia Water Board for drawing water from the Damodar river at an estimated cost of about Rs. 75 lakhs. In order to help the Government of Bihar to complete the scheme, Central Government have sanctioned grant-in-aid of Rs. 15 lakhs and a loan of Rs. 30 lakhs from the Coal Mines Labour Welfare Fund.

(c) The Government of Bihar hope to complete the scheme in about 3 to 4 years.

#### DRY DOCK AT VISAKHAPATNAM

\*428. **Shri K. C. Sodhia:** (a) Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the total cost for the construction of a dry dock at Visakhapatnam as recommended by the National Harbour Board?

(b) Have Government approved of the plan?