

~ **New Medical Colleges**

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 Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:
 Shri Rameshwar Tantia:
 Shri Madhusudan Rao:
 Shrimati Minimata:

Will the Minister of **Health** be pleased to state at what stage is the proposal to open 18 New Medical Colleges to meet the shortage of doctors?

The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar): The Government of India have no proposal to open any new medical colleges. The establishment of medical colleges is mainly the concern of the State Governments.

Shri Raghunath Singh: In my constituency of Banaras, a medical college is going to be started in the Banaras Hindu University after three months. What help is the Central Government going to extend here? It is a Central University.

Shri Karmarkar: Yes, I have understood the question. The Vice-Chancellor of the Banaras Hindu University has kindly intimated to us that they are transforming the present Ayurvedic Medical College into a modern medical college. We have said that if they like they can go ahead, they have our best moral support.

Shri Raghunath Singh: Moral support? What about the money?

Shri Karmarkar: Regarding money, we had about Rs. 6.5 crores at the beginning of the Second Plan. We have allocated that already for putting up some medical colleges and for helping others for upgrading. In addition, because we thought there was need for medical students, we have made available a sum of Rs. 2 crores from other schemes to enable existing medical colleges to increase the number of students. By the time we did that, we finished all the money. Therefore, we have nothing except moral support to give to the Banaras Hindu University.

Shri Thirumala Rao: In view of the fact that there is a large number of medical graduates, is it the policy of the Government to assist private medical colleges like the ones in Udipi and Kakinada with financial assistance?

Shri Karmarkar: Yes, Sir. We are thinking in terms of extending a token financial assistance to show our support for such medical colleges. They are doing good work, as I have said many times, but unhappily for us, we have no money with us.

Shrimati Renuka Ray: Considering the fact that the number of doctors available during the remaining period of the Second Plan and the Third Plan will be much less than required, even though it is a State subject, has the Ministry of Health thought of placing some more resources at the disposal of the State Governments to start more colleges now so that when the Third Plan comes we may not be held up for want of doctors?

Shri Karmarkar: I appreciate that there is need for more medical colleges in the States, and so far as help is concerned, it will all depend upon the resources that will be made available to us during the Third Plan. It is too early for me to anticipate. If there is any money, then part of the money will go to medical colleges.

Shrimati Renuka Ray: My point is a little different. I may not have made myself clear. When the Third Plan actually starts, if the money is made available, it will take at least some years for the doctors to be trained and equipped. Therefore, is it not necessary to lay particular stress and emphasis on this from now and to have available even during the Second Plan period more resources to help the State Governments to start more medical colleges?

Shri Karmarkar: My hon. friend can appreciate that merely laying stress does not create money. So, during the Second Plan I am very sorry we are helpless in the

matter. We cannot give any money when we do not possess it. Regarding the Third Plan, as I said, it is premature for me to give any assurance to the House; much depends upon the total resources available, and if my hon. friend can help me in getting more resources, I shall be extremely grateful.

श्री पद्म देव : इन १८ कालेजों में से कोई कालेज शिमला में भी खोला जाएगा ?

श्री करमरकर : अग़र हिमाचल प्रदेश एडमिनिस्ट्रेशन चाहेगी और स्कीम बनायेगी और पैसा जहाँ से उसे मिलता है वहाँ से लेने की कोशिश करेगी तो शिमला में भी बन सकता है।

श्रीमती मिनीमाता : इन १८ मैडिकल कालेजों में से महिलाओं के लिए भी क्या कोई कालेज है ?

श्री करमरकर : जहाँ तक महिलाओं का सम्बन्ध है, दूसरों से इस तरह की शिकायत आने लगी है और वे कहने लगे हैं—हमारा यह कहना नहीं है और हम कहते भी नहीं हैं—कि महिलाओं को जब शिक्षित कर दिया जाता है तो वे अपने घर चली जाती हैं शादी के बाद और मर्दों को अग़र शिक्षित किया जाता है तो वे कोई न कोई काम करते हैं। लेकिन हम लोग इस तरह की बात में विश्वास नहीं करते हैं। हमारी राय यह है और हम चाहते हैं कि जितनी तादाद में भी महिलाओं को शिक्षित किया जा सके, उतना ही अच्छा होगा।

श्रीमती मिनीमाता : मध्य प्रदेश में भी इन १८ कालेजों में से एक अग़र मैडिकल कालेज खुलेगा ?

श्री करमरकर : अग़र मध्य प्रदेश की सरकार उसके बारे में सोचेगी और खोलना चाहेगी तो हम उसे मारल स्पॉर्ट, नैतिक समर्थन प्रदान करेंगे। अग़र हमारे हाथ में पैसा आएगा तो हम पैसे से भी सहायता करेंगे जैसे पहले भोपाल में किया था।

हमें बहुत खुशी होगी अग़र हमारे पास पैसा आजाए।

श्रीमती सहोदरा बाई राय : मैं पूछना चाहती हूँ कि माननीय मंत्री महिलाओं के साथ इतनी हंसी क्यों करते हैं... (हंसी)
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चाहती हूँ कि जब लेडी मॅम्बर्स कोई सवाल करें तो उसका सही उत्तर क्यों नहीं दिया जाता है और सही उत्तर दिया जाना चाहिये। हंसी सदन में नहीं होनी चाहिये। मेरा पूछना यह है कि महिलाओं के लिए मध्य प्रदेश में कितने मैडिकल कालेज खोले जा रहे हैं और खोले भी जा रहे हैं या नहीं खोले जा रहे हैं और अग़र खोले गए हैं तो किन जगहों पर खोले गए हैं ?

श्री करमरकर : कालेजों का खोलना या बन्द करना स्टेट्स का काम है। अग़र वे चाहें तो महिलाओं के लिए खास तौर से कालेज खोल सकती हैं और वे ऐसा करने के लिए आजाद हैं। पर अभी कालेजों में बहनों के लिये कई सीटें रिजर्व की जाती हैं और जहाँ तक मुझे मालूम है मध्य प्रदेश की सरकार ने महिलाओं के लिए काफी सीटें रिजर्व कर रखी हैं।

Mr. Speaker: The hon. lady Member evidently has felt it. Certainly this is a matter of sentiment. I would only suggest to hon. Ministers that as far as possible, the language should be such that feelings are not hurt, the sentiments of the lady Members in the House and elsewhere are not wounded.

Shri Karmarkar: I shall translate what I said in Hindi, because my Hindi was not understood by you, because this is a serious matter. What I said was precisely this, that it is open to the Madhya Pradesh Government to open a college exclusively for ladies, they are free to do so, we do not come in the way, but so far as I know Madhya Pradesh have taken care

to see that a number of seats is reserved for ladies. If there is anything wrong in that, I apologise.

Mr. Speaker: I do not think the hon. lady Member has taken exception to this, but to the earlier answer, namely that women, if they are educated as doctors, marry and then go away. It is possible that she has taken exception to that and not to the other one. Anyhow, what has been said has been said. Hereafter I would urge upon all hon. Members not to wound the feelings of lady Members.

Dr. Atchamamba rose—

Mr. Speaker: Here is a lady Member who is a doctor.

Dr. Atchamamba: Lady doctors are practising and they are very efficient.

Shri Karmarkar: If you give me indulgence, I will translate precisely what I said. I said that from certain quarters complaints have been received that lady doctors, when they are trained, marry and they are not useful to society. I added further that we do not believe in this complaint at all. That is what I said. If I am wrong, I apologise to her.

Shrimati Renuka Ray: This raises a very major discussion. Men also get married, don't they?

Dr. Atchamamba: Lady doctors have got as much right to marry as the men doctors and they marry.

Mr. Speaker: Unnecessarily a controversy has been raised. The hon. lady Member, Dr. Atchamamba, is herself a doctor. She is married.

Dr. Atchamamba: And I am practising.

Mr. Speaker: Now, question No. 770.

Shrimati Mafda Ahmed: I am sorry I was a bit late today. I submit that question No. 759 may be taken up now.

Mr. Speaker: After all the questions are finished, I shall allow her an opportunity.

Shri Amjad Ali: She may be allowed that concession, as she is a lady Member.

Mr. Speaker: No, nothing of the kind. No lady Member is allowed to come late. I do not want to make a distinction between men and women, so far as coming into the House is concerned.

Shri Tyagi: These are Holi days, and the House is in a Holi mood.

Hirakud Project

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*770. { **Shri B. C. Mullick:**
Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:
Shri Chintamoni Panigrahi:

Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1076 on the 21st December, 1959 and state whether the Orissa Government's request for a loan of 90 lakhs of rupees for reimbursement to the Hirakud Project has been approved by the Planning Commission by now?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): No, Sir. The matter is still under the consideration of the Planning Commission.

Shri B. C. Mullick: May I know the reasons for the delay?

Shri Hathi: The Planning Commission have asked for certain information from the State Governments, and that is being considered.

Shri B. C. Mullick: May I know how many acres out of four lakhs acres have been brought under cultivation now at Hirakud?

Shri Hathi: I have not got the latest figures, but the figure up to October, 1959 is 2,85,171 acres irrigated.

Shri Chintamoni Panigrahi: What kind of information have the Planning Commission wanted to know from the State Government or the project authority, owing to which this delay has taken place?