

चिकित्सालय बनते हैं क्या वहां योग्य वैद्य रखने की व्यवस्था की भी कोई योजना है ?

डा० सुशीला नायर : जी जो चिकित्सालय खोले गये हैं वहां योग्य वैद्य ही रखे गये हैं । इस के अनुभव पर से आगे यह देखा जायेगा कि और भी खोलने की आवश्यकता है या नहीं ।

Dr. Sarojini Mahishi : May I know whether the decline in the number of patients in the Ayurvedic dispensary indicates the effect of the preventive measures taken by the dispensary in the colony ?

Dr. Sushila Nayar : No, Sir.

Shri Bishwanath Roy : May I know whether the cost of medicine supplied in the Ayurvedic dispensary is in any way less than the cost of the Allopathic medicines supplied in the other dispensaries ?

Dr. Sushila Nayar : I do not have any comparative figures, but I presume the cost of the Ayurvedic medicines will be very much less, because Ayurvedic medicines are cheaper.

श्री श्रींकार लाल बेरवा : मैं जानना चाहूंगा कि जैसे ऐलोपैथिक डिस्पेंसरीज के अन्दर एम० पी० वगैरह को होमो फास वगैरह देना बन्द कर दिया गया है, क्या इसी तरह से आयुर्वेदिक डिस्पेंसरीज में स्वर्ण भस्म और मोती भस्म वगैरह मरीजों को नहीं दी जाती ?

डा० सुशीला नायर : मेरे पास न तो ऐसी कोई शिकायत आयी है और न कोई ऐसी सूचना आयी है, और मैं माननीय सदस्य को यह भी निवेदन कर दूँ कि ऐलोपैथिक डिस्पेंसरीज में कोई दवा बन्द नहीं की गयी है । यह जरूर किया गया है कि एक ही दवा के अलग अलग नाम होते हैं और कोई कारखाने वाले उन को बहुत महंगा बेचते हैं और कोई कम महंगा बेचते हैं । कम वालों से लेना और महंगी कम्पनियों से न लेना इतना ही फर्क किया गया है, लेकिन किसी किस्म की दवा न दी जाये, ऐसी बात नहीं है ।

Shri H. N. Mukerjee : Since Government has mentioned the question of the assessment of popularity, may I know if the criterion is the inclination or the disinclination of certain numbers of people towards Ayurveda or the therapeutic and other curative properties of the system which should be examined by Government and about which they should be satisfied ?

Dr. Sushila Nayar : No, Sir. Our remarks are based only upon the attendance at the dispensaries.

Poisonous Gas in Manhole in Delhi

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Shri Sidheshwar Prasad:
Shri D. D. Puri:

Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that three sweepers died because of the poisonous gas in the manhole in Karoibagh, Delhi on the 25th September, 1963;

(b) whether any enquiry has been made into the causes of this accident by the Delhi Administration; and

(c) whether a copy of the report will be laid on the Table ?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Health (Dr. D. S. Raju): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. But the enquiry has not been completed.

(c) Does not arise at present.

Shri Surendra Pal Singh: May we know if any cash compensation or any other kind of help was given to the victims of this accident ?

Dr. D. S. Raju : Yes, Sir. Immediately about Rs. 300 were sanctioned for the funeral expenses, and secondly Rs. 7,000 were given to each of these families under the Workmen's Compensation Act.

Shri Surendra Pal Singh : Is there any truth in the press reports that the first batch of fire brigade staff which arrived on the scene of the accident came unprepared for the rescue work in so far as they had no gas masks and no breathing apparatus; if so, may I know whether any action has been taken against the fire brigade concerned ?

Dr. Sushila Nayar : It is very unfortunate and very tragic that these deaths took place. It is true that immediately the rescue apparatus was not available. People who went in also became unconscious, and it was after some time that the gas masks and breathing apparatus was procured and the rescue took place. In the meantime, the original victims were found to be dead.

Shrimati Savitri Nigam : How far is it correct that in spite of this tragedy even now sweepers who have to enter the manholes for cleaning have not been supplied gas masks ?

Dr. Sushila Nayar : A committee was appointed and a number of precautions have been taken which should avoid this type of tragedy in future, the opening of manholes for so much time so that fresh air goes in, pumping of fresh air inside, making certain tests to detect if there are poisonous gases inside etc. These precautions should take care of the future.

Shri D. C. Sharma : May I know if only the manholes in Karolbagh have been put to the tests which the hon. Minister described or the manholes all over New Delhi have been put to that kind of test?

Dr. Sushila Nayar : These are the general orders that nobody shall be

lowered into the manholes unless these tests are performed, to ensure the safety of the workers going inside.

Mr. Speaker : In all areas ?

Dr. Sushila Nayar : Yes, Sir; in all areas.

Shri D. D. Puri : After the enquiry is complete, will the report be laid on the Table of the House ?

Dr. Sushila Nayar : I do not think we can have any objection to making the report available to the House.

Barrage on Yamuna River

***389. Shri Surendra Pal Singh :** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 740 on the 22nd August, 1963 and state the progress made in regard to the construction of a barrage on Yamuna river near Rajghat in Delhi, which was under consideration ?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Dr. K. L. Rao) : A decision has been taken to construct a barrage on Yamuna river near Rajghat in Delhi. The Technical Report has been prepared and its salient features approved. Detailed designs are under preparation. The Punjab Government have agreed to execute the work on behalf of the Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking. The work is expected to commence shortly.

Shri Surendra Pal Singh : We understand from the statement of the hon. Minister that the construction of the barrage is to be carried out by the Punjab Government. May I know if the Punjab Government is to bear a share of the cost of this project also ?

Dr. K. L. Rao : The Punjab Government is doing the work on behalf of the Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking and it is essentially meant for cooling the waters of Station C, in which Punjab also has got one unit.