

### Homoeopathic Medicines

2589. SHRI RAJE VISHVESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Homoeopathic Medicine proved by Dr. Hahnemman wonderfully act if given in their prescribed way even in their highest potencies, but most of the Homoeopaths and most of the drug manufacturers propagate for the use of low potencies and M.T. (mother-tinctures) of many medicines from outside, such as 'ECHNATIA' which is almost allopathic use of the medicine with at the most temporarily relief otherwise harmful;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government propose to ban the use of such medicines purely poisoning patients; and

(c) whether Government propose to stop the import, sale and storage of these objectionable medicines but all the M.T. (mother tinctures) from the Homoeopathic Practitioners who use them in poisonous dozes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV): (a) Yes, it is a fact that the Homoeopathic Medicines proven according to the principle of Homoeopathy as laid down by Dr. Hahnemman, act effectively if given in their prescribed way even in their highest potencies. However, it is not correct to say that the use of mother tinctures and low potencies such as 'ECHINACEA' is similar to the allopathic use of medicines. Dr. Hahnemman himself had recommended, in certain cases, the use of mother tinctures as may be seen from his notes on 'Cannabis sativa', 'Camphor', 'Ipecac', 'Menyanthes', 'Sarsaparilla' and 'Taraxacum' etc., in 'Materia Medica Pura'. The medical kit of Dr. Hahnemman

did contain the medicines of 6th potency also. Moreover, the mother tinctures are diluted to the extent of 1/10 of the original raw drug material for the sake of evolving the subtle power of the drug and thereby its use is different from that of allopathy. So far as 'ECHINACEA' is concerned, this medicine has been introduced in the Homoeopathy Materia Medica by the Eclectic School like so many other medicines added by the different stalwarts of Homoeopathy after proving them according to the methods prescribed by Dr. Hahnemman. These scientists who have enlarged the Homoeopathic Materia Medica by addition of many medicines, have also indicated in the note of each medicine, the potency and the quantity to be prescribed.

(b) and (c). Government do not consider it necessary to take steps to ban the use of mother tinctures and medicines in low potencies as well as to stop the import, sale and storage of such medicines since these medicines are not being prescribed in poisonous doses but are used homoeopathically according to the instructions given along with each medicine in the authentic books of Homoeopathic Materia Medica.

### Campa Cola

2590. SHRI S. S. SOMANI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether CAMPA COLA (soft drink) contains Caffeine which is injurious to health;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some courts of Law in foreign countries Norway and Sweden have declared it to be harmful for human consumptions; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take to minimise Caffeine in human daily consumption being a health hazard in the interest of the nation?