

Deaths in Hospitals due to Doctors' Strike

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Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) the number of deaths occurred in various hospitals on the 7th and 8th July, 1980 due to the doctors strike;

(b) if so, whether large number of patients had to suffer due to this strike;

(c) whether in May and June, 1980 also such strike took place and at that time also the same situation arose;

(d) whether any agreement was reached but its implementation failed;

(e) what permanent solution of the doctors demands have been found; and

(f) whether Government propose to ban strikes in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) None.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Only the resident doctors of AIIMS were on strike from 21st April, 1980 to 15th June, 1980. The resident doctors of some other hospitals observed token strikes in June, 1980 in sympathy with the AIIMS strike. But no deaths occurred due to these strikes.

(d) The resident doctors of the AIIMS called off their strike after an agreement regarding the consideration of some of their demands.

(e) The resident doctors of the six major strike-bound hospitals have been advised to call off their strike so that their demands could be discussed.

(f) This Ministry has no such proposal at present.

Polling and Rationalisation Scheme of Indo-Pak-Bangladesh, U.K. Continent Shipping Conference

6333. SHRI N. DENNIS:
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the polling and rationalisation scheme of the Indo-Pak-Bangladesh, U. K. Continent Shipping Conference has run into serious trouble with its British members resigning from the pool;

(b) if so, whether India-U.K. Shipping Conference has been cancelled;

(c) if not, when the same is likely to be held; and

(d) what are the subjects to be discussed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI BUTA SINGH):

(a) to (d). It is understood that the British members of the India-Pakistan-Bangladesh-U.K./Continent Conference have given notice of their intention to withdraw from the pooling arrangements of the Conference. They have not resigned from the Conference and it is not correct to presume that the Conference has run into serious trouble. It is understood that a meeting of the Conference is likely to be held soon to discuss the matter.