

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार नियोजन मन्त्रालय में राज्य मन्त्री (श्री डी० पी० चट्टोपाध्याय) (क). आयुर्वेद में दन्त चिकित्सा की उच्चतर शिक्षा के लिये कोई विशेष पाठ्यक्रम नहीं है।

(ख) गुरुकुल कांगड़ी में दन्त चिकित्सा विभाग स्थापित करने सम्बन्धी किसी प्रस्ताव पर सरकार विचार नहीं कर रही है।

**Proposal for sending Bangla Desh Refugees back under U. N. Protection**

6655. SHRI P. GANGADEB : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are thinking of sending the refugees to Bangla Desh under U. N. protection ; and

(b) if so, the action taken in this matter ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise

**Alleged Joint Agreement between India and Britain on Political settlement in Bangla Desh**

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SHRI K. MALLANNA .

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been a Joint Indo-British Agreement for a political settlement in Bangla Desh ;

(b) if so, whether Pakistan has lodged a protest to India alleging as unwarranted interference in its internal affairs ,

(c) if so, Government of India's reaction thereto ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) The Agreed Statement issued after the meeting of the Indian Minister of External Affairs with

the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary of the United Kingdom stated, *inter alia*, as follows :—

“Sir Alec Douglas-Home and Mr. Swaran Singh agreed that a political solution must therefore be found which was acceptable to the people of East Pakistan.”

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

**D. D. T. causing Lung-Cancer and other Diseases**

6657. SHRI R. P. YADAV : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that D. D. T., which is so generously used in hospitals and homes, causes lung cancer, laryngeal cancer and several other diseases, including gastro-enteritis, nausea, vomiting etc. ;

(b) if so, whether its harmful ingredients have been examined by some Research Laboratories and the result thereof , and

(c) the steps being considered to prevent this dreadful insecticide from causing harm to the human body ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI D. P. CHATTO-PADHYAYA) : (a) There is no evidence that D. D. T. in the quantities used in the programmes for control of insects or insect-borne diseases and in hospitals and homes, have produced cancers in man. The other ill-effects such as gastro-enteritis, nausea, vomiting etc. are also extremely uncommon among persons employed in such programmes and places. But DDT is a very stable compound and it has been known that it accumulates in the fat of man and other warm-blooded animals, without apparent ill-effects.

(b) and (c). Many laboratories in the world are studying whether DDT has any harmful ingredients which may produce disease in man. No specific powerful ingredient has been isolated from DDT as yet. The Indian Council of Medical Research, in collaboration with the World Health Organisation, has recently started a project for the study of the long-term effects of DDT on man including possibilities of developing Cancer. The unit has recently commended work in Amedabad, but has so far