

Insurance Corporation. The question of reviewing the premium rates can be considered only after the results of this investigation are available.

Dr. L. M. Singhvi: May I know whether the LIC are in a position to concede that the life expectancy has increased and as a consequence of that and on actuarial consideration the premium rate should be reduced if it is shown that the experience in terms of mortality has been favourable?

Shri B. R. Bhagat: This is precisely on what the actuarial work is going on. There are other considerations also. They will take a decision taking into consideration all these favourable and unfavourable considerations.

Dr. L. M. Singhvi: May I know by when this consideration would be completed and the House informed about the results of this consideration?

Shri B. R. Bhagat: It will take some time. They have not indicated any date.

Shri Sham Lal Saraf: Apart from the rise in the span of life, may I know what other considerations are there?

Shri B. R. Bhagat: There are factors like rise in the cost, wages, salaries and other things.

Sterilisation of Leper Patients and Lunatics

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*662. { **Shrimati Savitri Nigam:**
Shri Yashpal Singh:

Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to start intensive programmes of sterilisation amongst the leprosy patients, lunatics and others suffering from incurable diseases; and

(b) if so, the particulars thereof?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Health (Dr. D. S. Raju): (a) and (b). No separate sterilisation

programme for those suffering from leprosy and other incurable diseases and lunatics is proposed to be started.

The Government of India have emphasised the need for facilities for voluntary sterilisation of persons including those suffering from leprosy, T.B. and mental diseases etc. The State Governments have also been requested that facilities to persons suffering from these diseases may be extended by detailing a mobile family planning clinic which could visit the institutions meant for those patients.

Shrimati Savitri Nigam: May I know whether the hon. Minister is aware that unless the children of these people are segregated completely the newly born babies are bound to get infection; if so, what action the Government is taking to either segregate them or to make sterilisation compulsory for the people who are affected by this disease?

The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar): No action of the nature mentioned by the hon. Member is contemplated for the simple reason that in India the children do not come in contact merely with the mother or the father but other members of the family like grandmother, aunts, uncles and others also come in contact with the children quite intimately. Therefore, the suggestion given by the hon. Member is not going to help. Secondly, it is also a fact that leprosy is not an incurable disease any more. If we make it compulsory for anyone getting leprosy to be sterilised, it is likely to induce people to hide the disease rather than take treatment. Also, when we do not sterilise people suffering from tuberculosis etc. there is no reason why there should be compulsory sterilisation for people suffering from this disease.

Shrimati Savitri Nigam: May I know if the hon. Minister has got any information as to in how many countries this compulsory sterilisation is prevalent.

Dr. Sushila Nayar: Well, there are not too many countries where leprosy is prevalent at the present time. As such, the question of gathering this information is not of so much importance. I do not have this information at this moment.

श्री विभूति मिश्र : क्या मंत्री महोदय को पता है कि जो आदमी कोढ़ी है, उसके बाल बच्चे जो उसके साथ रहते हैं, उनको भी कोढ़ हो जाता है; वे अलग रहें, इसका क्या इंतजाम सोचा जा रहा है ?

डा० सुशीला नायर : अगर दवाई दे देते हैं जिसको कुष्ठ रोग है, उस मरीज को और उसके बच्चे को भी तो उसका बहुत अच्छा प्राफलैक्टिक, प्रिवेंटिव असर होता है। बीमारी बच्चे को नहीं होती है।

श्री यशपाल सिंह : सरकार ने क्या गौर किया है कि अगर ऐसा रूल बना दिया जाए कि जब तक कम्प्लीट हैल्थ का सर्टिफिकेट डाक्टर न दे दे तब तक किसी को मॅरेज की इजाजत न दी जाए तो फिर स्टैरेलाइजेशन की जरूरत ही न रहे जवाब नहीं मिला है। उन के लिए अगर यह चीज लाजिमी कर दी जायगी तो स्टैरेलाइजेशन की जरूरत ही नहीं रहेगी।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : बहुत अच्छा सजेशन है। उन तक यह पहुंच गया है और वे गौर कर लेंगे।

श्री रामसेवक यादव : यह कोढ़ के बीमार हिन्दुस्तान के किस राज्य में सब से अधिक हैं और उस राज्य के किस इलाके में ?

डा० सुशीला नायर : करीब २४-२५ लाख कुष्ठ रोगी इस देश में हैं। उनमें से कोई आधे दो राज्यों में, मद्रास और आंध्र प्रदेश में हैं, ऐसा अंदाजा लगाया जाता है।

Shri Kapur Singh: The House has been told about the facilities which the Government provide for voluntary sterilisation. May I ask whether the

Government have acquainted themselves with the psychological side effects of sterilisation as they have emerged from the studies into the implementation of the Nuremburg laws in Nazi Germany?

Dr. Sushila Nayar: I am sorry I did not hear the latter part of the question.

Mr. Speaker: The results achieved by the study made into the implementation of the Nuremburg laws in Nazi Germany.

Dr. Sushila Nayar: Quite a number of studies have been carried on in India among the sterilised persons and in 98 per cent. of the cases there are no bad effects of any kind. One or two per cent of the people have made some complaint but it is considered that they are not directly the result of sterilisation operation.

Shri Kapur Singh: My question has not been understood or answered. It has been evaded. Have the Government acquainted themselves with the studies that have been made into the implementation of the sterilisation laws enacted at Nuremburg during the Nazi regime in Germany?

Dr. Sushila Nayar: I do not know what the Nuremburg has got to do with the present question. I am afraid, I do not know much about it.

श्री प० ला० बारूपाल : क्या स्वास्थ्य मंत्रालय के ध्यान में यह बात आई है, और आई है तो कहां तक सत्य है, कि राजस्थान के रोणीचा गांव में रामदेव नाम के एक सिद्ध पुरुष हुए हैं, और वहां पर एक पानी की बावड़ी है, वहां पर हजारों रोगी लोग जाते हैं और स्नान कर के उन सिद्ध पुरुष की दृढ़ आराधना करते हैं जिससे उनका कुष्ठ रोग ठीक हो जाता है ?

अध्यक्ष महोदय : वहां कुष्ठ रोगियों का एक मेला हर साल क्यों नहीं करते ?

श्री प० ला० बारूपाल : करते हैं ।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : वह मेला आप शुरू कर दें तो सब लोग चले जाया करेंगे ।

श्री प० ला० बारूपाल : मेरा मतलब है कि वहां बहुत से लोग जाते हैं ।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : आप उस को और पापुलर कीजिये ।

Purchase of Generating Sets

*663. { Shrimati Savitri Nigam:
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Shri P. C. Borooah:

Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether, in order to effect economy, Government are making a bulk purchase of generating sets for five power projects from the International General Electric Company;

(b) if so, the concession secured in this way and the total resultant economy from this step; and

(c) the number of sets being purchased and for which projects?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Dr. K. L. Rao): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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(b) A reduction to the extent of about 25 per cent over one unit price for these International General Electric Sets has been obtained by ordering 14 sets of 62.5 MW at a time. The total cost of 14 sets is about Rs. 781.3 lacs F.A.S., New York. The total resultant saving is estimated at Rs. 180 lakhs. The delivery periods also were reduced.

(c) Fourteen generating sets each of 62.5 MW capacity are being purchased for the following projects:—

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| (1) Paras | . 1 unit | Under U.S. Exim Credit |
| (2) Talcher | . 4 units | Under D.L.F. Loan No. 190 |

(2) Delhi . 3 units Under A.I.D. Loan No. 50.

(4) Satpura 5 units Under A.I.D. Loan No. 77

(5) Ramagundam 1 unit Under A.I.D. Loan No. 49

TOTAL 14 units

Shrimati Savitri Nigam: May I know how many East European countries have offered to sell these sets to India?

Dr. K. L. Rao: In this particular case the aid comes from the A.I.D. It is an American loan. Therefore, the purchase has to be made only from the United States of America.

Shrimati Savitri Nigam: May I know whether any offers have come from the East European countries to sell these sets in rupee payment.

Dr. K. L. Rao: That is what I am saying. In this particular case, the purchase has to be made only from the United States of America. There is no question of purchasing from other places. In other cases, we are also buying from the other countries.

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श्री स० चं० सामन्त :
श्री ब० कु० दास :
श्री स० भो० बनर्जी :

क्या सिंचाई और विद्युत् मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या माताटीला बिजलीघर का निर्माण-कार्य अभी भी आरम्भिक अवस्था में है जबकि इसको कई वर्षों से बनाया जा रहा है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ; और

(ग) माताटीला विद्युत् परियोजना कब तक पूरी हो जायेगी ?