

crude or raw and unlustred condition as it comes from the mines and we process it, cut it and then export it, is there any proposal to import such diamonds against guarantee of re-export?

Shri B. B. Bhagat: That is being done. That facility is being given.

श्री रा० स० तिवारी : भारतीय होरा जो पन्ना में निकलता है, उसके बचे जाने पर क्या कोई प्रतिबंध है जिससे वह चोरी न जा सके ?

श्री ब० रा० भगत : जो बाहर से चोरी करके हीरा लाया गया है, यह उसके बारे में सवाल है। यहाँ से चोरी करके वाहर ले जाने के बारे में सवाल नहीं है।

Shrimati Savitri Nigam: What are the steps recently taken by Government to stop this smuggling and has any international gang been unearthed recently?

Shri B. R. Bhagat: The vigilance has been tightened. We keep a close watch and all other connected actions are being taken.

Milk Powder Distribution in Delhi Schools

*662. **Shri R. Barua:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the news that several hundred tons of milk powder meant for free distribution in Delhi schools, donated by the Red Cross and various other international agencies, is being sold openly in the Delhi markets;

(b) whether the milk powder tins, marked "Not to be sold" by the donors, are being sold wholesale on the Delhi-U.P. border;

(c) whether Government have made any investigations into these cases; and

(d) if so, the result thereof and whether any action has been taken against the persons held responsible

for the misappropriation of milk powder?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Health (Dr. D. S. Raju): (a) No case of open sale of milk powder has come to the notice of the Government recently. However, four cases of selling milk powder meant for free distribution were detected in Delhi in 1962.

(b) No such cases has come to the notice of the Government.

(c) and (d). The investigations in respect of the four cases referred to at (a) above have since been completed and these are pending trial in the courts.

Shri R. Barua: May I have an idea of the quantity of such powder milk going to undesirable channels?

The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar): In 1962 some social workers of the Hospital Welfare Society, New Delhi, complained to the Police in September that a person who carried an authority letter from the Secretary of Motilal Nehru Shiksha Kendra, Delhi, had taken 11 cartons of milk powder from these ladies and did not return those cartons. On enquiry it was found that his organisation was bogus and he had misappropriated the milk. So, after the completion of the enquiry, a case was instituted.

Shri R. Barua: May I know whether such cases are also prevalent in other parts of the country?

Dr. Sushila Nayar: After enquiring in this case was completed and a case was instituted we received some other complaints about the activities of this gentleman, Shri Sarsar, who worked in league with some other person, a wholesale dealer in Delhi. 16 complaints in all were received and some eight persons were arrested. They were later bailed out.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: I would like to know whether it is a fact that in some cases the quality of this powder

milk was found to be most unsatisfactory; if so, what steps have been taken to get its quality examined before it is issued to school children?

Dr. Sushila Nayar: This question has got nothing to do with the quality of milk. As a general rule the quality is good.

श्री श्रीकार लाल बेरवा : हर साल कितने दूध के पाउडर के डिब्बे आते हैं और क्या इनमें से बाकी भी कुछ बच जाते हैं या सारे इस्तेमाल हो जाते हैं ?

श्री सुशीला नायर : पांच संस्थाओं की माफत दूध आता है, केयर, यूनिसेफ, कुछ क्रिश्चियन एसोसिएशन है, कैथोलिक चैरिटीज लूथरान वर्ल्ड सर्विस इत्यादि । सब दूध कितना आता है, यह गिनती तो मेरे पास नहीं है, लेकिन जहां तक मुझे मालूम है जितना आता है वह इस्तेमाल हो जाता है, कोई कोई केमिस ऐसे हुए हैं जहां लम्बे अर्से तक पड़ा रहा मिल्क पाउडर है और—बिगड़ा है ।

Shrimati Akkamma Devi: May I know whether it is a fact that milk powder is distributed to school children in the powder form and not in milk form; if so, may I know the action taken by Government in this matter?

Dr. Sushila Nayar: In some cases it has been found to be more satisfactory to give the powder to the child or to the child's family. We have instituted a system in some places of giving milk powder to children and families of tuberculosis patients and it has to be in the powder form and not in the liquid form in such cases.

Shri R. S. Pandey: Since we are getting milk powder from many agencies from abroad to be distributed free to school children; I want to know whether before it is released to schools or other agencies for distribution it is properly examined to see whether the quality of the milk powder is good or bad.

Dr. Sushila Nayar: The milk that is distributed to school children is routed through the Education Ministry and the milk for the maternity and child welfare centres and some other is routed through us. It comes in closed cartons and there is no question of its quality being bad unless it has lain for a long time and has gone bad.

Treatment of Polio Cases in Delhi

*663. **Shri Jedhe:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether any success has been achieved in the treatment of polio by special injections used by the Russian doctors in Delhi;

(b) if so, the number of cases so far treated successfully; and

(c) any preventive measures taken or proposed to be taken by Government to control the spread of this disease on a large scale?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Health (Dr. D. S. Raju): (a) and (b). The medicine has been used in about 200 cases of poliomyelitis. It is too early to draw any final conclusion in regard to the therapeutic value of these injections in the treatment of cases of poliomyelitis.

(c) The following preventive measures have been taken:—

(1) During the year 1961-63 approximately two hundred thousand children were administered polio vaccine in Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Delhi, Rajasthan and Mysore.

(2) Efforts are being made to procure additional 5,00,000 doses of polio vaccine from the U.S.S.R. for mass immunisation in affected areas in the country.

(3) Special laboratories have been designed and constructed at the Pasteur Institute, Coonoor, for the manufacture of live polio oral