

New Devices for Eye Operation by Dr. N.S. Kapany

47. SHRI MANIBHAI J. PATEL :
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING AND WORKS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item appearing in the "Times of India" dated the 5th October, 1970 regarding Dr. N. S. Kapany the world-renowned Indian optic scientist ;

(b) if so, the details about his inventions and various papers he has written on the subject ;

(c) whether it is also a fact that he has earned eminence in the United States who have duly recognised his research and honoured him ;

(d) whether the scientist has indicated his desire to usher in an era of "instant eye surgery in the land of his birth" ;

(e) if so, the reaction of Government thereto ; and

(f) whether Government propose to induce him to return to India so that Indians could benefit from his inventions ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING, AND WORKS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI B. S. MURTHY) : (a), (c) and (d). Yes, Sir.

(b) He has written about 60 papers. He is also said to have invented or assisted in about 25 inventions.

(e) The laser beam operation is not Dr. N. S. Kapany's new invention nor can this be described as instant eye surgery. This method has a few indications, some side effects and many limitations.

(f) No such proposal is under consideration at present.

Contract Labour System in Sindri Unit of Fertilizer Corporation of India

48. SHRI BHAGABAN DAS : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that unloading of Gypsum and loading of Fertilizers are done by contract labours in the Sindri Unit of the Fertilizer Corporation of India ; and

(b) whether Government propose to end contract labour system in the Sindri Unit of the Fertilizer Corporation of India by absorbing contract labours in the regular rolls ; if so, when ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS (SHRI D. R. CHAVAN) : (a) The unloading of gypsum at Sindri is through mechanical arrangement, on tippler etc., operated by regular employees. Some wagons, which cannot be handled on the tippler, are unloaded through the Contractors.

The loading of fertilizers is done by regular employees and only occasionally, when extra loading is required or when fertilizer cakes up, the Contractor is employed for loading of fertilizer or breaking the caked material.

(b) In view of the position stated in the answer to part (a), the question of absorbing contract labour does not arise.

Progress at Haldia Refinery Project

49. SHRI DHIRESWAR KALITA :
SHRI TRIDIB KUMAR CHAUDHURI :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS be pleased to state :

(a) the progress made in setting up an oil refinery at Haldia ;

(b) the expenditure so far incurred in this regard ; and