

The Executive Committee of the TB Association of India considered the report of General Rao and passed a resolution supporting the Medical Superintendent in dismissing the Compounder of the hospital as the action was bonafide and subsequently the action as detailed below was taken :—

1. The theft of the drug was reported to the Crime Branch.
2. As it was decided to appoint an Administrative Officer in the hospital it was not considered necessary to transfer the personnel mentioned in Dr. Rao's report item No. (ii).
3. All the drugs taken into the stores were stamped with the hospital stamp (TBHM).
4. The Executive Committee considered the recommendation No. (iv) above and resolved not to pursue it.

Discussions on Mutual Co-operation with Japan's Foreign Minister

191. SHRIMATI SHARDA MUKERJEE : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the recent discussions between Government and the Japanese Foreign Minister related mainly to mutual economic co-operation ;

(b) whether any reference was made to the recent Jakarta Conference regarding the Indo-China situation ; and

(c) whether as a result of the visit of the Japanese Foreign Minister there are prospects of closer economic and political co-operation between Japan and India ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) No Sir, they covered all matters of common interest.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The visit has improved the prospect of closer cooperation between the two countries.

Hospital Facilities to T. B. Patients in Delhi

192. SHRIMATI SHARDA MUKERJEE : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING AND WORKS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that nearly 4,000 Tuberculosis patients have been waiting for admission to Delhi Municipal Corporation's Silver Jubilee T.B. Hospital ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there are over 30,000 T.B. cases in the Capital ;

(c) if so, whether Government have any scheme for arresting the spread of this disease and for giving timely medical care to those who can be saved ; and

(d) the broad outlines of this scheme ?

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

(c) A comprehensive T.B. Scheme is already under operation in Delhi.

(d) T. B. diagnostic, treatment and BCG preventive services are provided to the Delhi population on a zonal basis. For rendering these services, the city has been divided into 10 zones and each zone has been provided with a well-equipped and staffed T. B. Clinic, which is responsible for the control of T. B. in its jurisdiction by providing free services to all the patients diagnosed to be suffering from T.B. Further, all such T. B. patients who are considered needing inpatient treatment and are suffering from complications or need surgical intervention are offered admission in the two main Hospitals in the city, namely Rajan Babu T. B. Hospital and T. B. Hospital, Mehrauli, with a bed strength of nearly 300. There are also 15 observatory beds at the New Delhi, T. B. Centre, and 28 beds at the R. K. Mission T. B. Clinic, Karol Bagh, New Delhi. A Mobile X-ray Unit to undertake active case finding of the T. B. cases has also been provided by the Municipal Corporation of Delhi. B.C.G. Preventive facilities are being extended