

It appears that there exists a very flourishing racket in India where cheaply manufactured vitamins, cough syrups and health tonics, were aggressively advertised and sold for very high profits. Doctors were given free samples and gifts and they thus 'induced' the use of these sub-standard drugs.

Even on the C.G.H.S. side comparatively cheaper drugs have recently been introduced and the result is that these are not only at times ineffective but are also issued without being wrapped in foils and one cannot make out what it is. It is high time that Government even at the expense of ignoring whatever little money might be saved in getting tablets open without being wrapped in foils, should make it a rule that all tablets be sold in foils which should be properly labelled and the name of the manufacturing drug unit indicated thereon. No encouragement in the name of promotion of small scale industries be given to any units lacking in any proper research and testing apparatus. Government should take immediately steps to streamline their drug policy and regulate the production and marketing of drugs and see that none of these drugs have got any side effects.

(viii) Need to consider the proposal of the Bihar citizens' council on Education for improvement of Education in elementary schools in Bihar.

SHRI VIJOY KUMAR YADAV (Nalanda) : The condition of elementary education in Bihar is in a deplorable condition.

A survey conducted this year by the Bihar Citizens Council on Education General Secretary, Prof. Harishanker Prasad Sinha, who is a reader of political science in Patna University reveals that about 70 per cent schools in Patna have teachers fewer than the number of classes; 24 per cent have only one room or only a verandah for holding four or even five classes; 50 per cent are in a very bad condition for want of proper repair; and 48 per cent of the schools do not have latrines or even urinals.

Besides, there is hardly any school in Patna where teaching aids are available, not to speak of children undergoing any medical check up.

The Bihar Citizens' Council on Education has from time to time been bringing to the State Government's notice the problems that beset elementary education in Patna, in particular, and Bihar in general. While the children of the privileged classes receive education in the private or missionary schools like the St. Michals, St. Xavier's Notse Dame, St. Joseph's Convent, etc., the rest continue to be hampered by poor standards, inadequate facilities and over crowding in schools maintained by the State Government, says a note prepared by the Council.

In view of that, I urge upon the Central Government to give serious thought to the several constructive proposals of the Citizens' Council for improvement of elementary school education in Patna and Bihar and also to implement the suggestions of the Kothari Commission.

PRESENTATION OF PETITION

[Translation]

SHRI KAMMODI LAL JATAV (Morena) : Mr Deputy Speaker, Sir, I beg to present a petition signed by shri Sadhu Singh Tomar, Vice-President, District Congress (I), Morena, regarding construction of a 'pucca' bridge on Chambal River.

12.26 hrs.

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[English]

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : We will now take up item No. 19. Prof. Madhu Dandavate.

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE (Rajapur) : On which subject, Sir? I thought, you allowed my motion.