

[Kumari Saroj Khaparde]

turing capability for producing small quantity of vaccines, Therefore, vaccine is being procured with the assistance of World Health Organisation as and when required. There is no difficulty in procuring supply from international market.

Sir, a very knowledgeable and active hon. Member of this House, Shri Harish Rawat, has made certain observations while speaking about this particular disease. He has mentioned that meningitis is caused by mosquitoes. I would like to mention here in this House through you, Sir, that meningitis is not caused by and spread by mosquitoes but I would mention that meningitis affects the human brain. As I have stated in my statement, the disease affects the poorer section of the society, particularly those who live in an unhygienic conditions and that is how the disease spread.

SHRI V. KESHREO CHANDRA S. DEO: Sir, I do not think that the disease spreads in the poorer section only. The disease does not differentiate between poorer sections and the affluent section. May be it spreads more in unhygienic conditions. It spreads more easily in slums. There have been no instances where rich people died due to this disease.

KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE: I was mentioning that by and large this particular disease was affecting the poorer section of the society. I do agree with the hon Member that this disease affects all sections of the society.

Sir, Shri Harish Rawat was mentioning about the homoeopathic treatment of meningitis. I may point out that there are a number of effective medicines in homeopathy for the treatment of meningitis as well as prophylactic. C.C.R. H has already directed its units in Bhopal, Jaypore (Orissa) and

Ranchi to send the team to affected areas for treatment and distribution of prophylactic medicines.

The Team has already started their work recently. Prophylactic Medicine is decided according to symptomatology of patients. The medicine which covers a large number of patients in an area is "Prophylactic" to that area. Particularly in Bhopal we started recently.

Sir, I think the hon. Member has raised the issue about the post of Additional D.G. in DGHS office. We have appointed a person from outside—that is what the hon. Member was mentioning here. I would like to mention here that we do not have a single officer appointed from outside in the DGHS office.

On the rest of the things which were raised by the hon. Members, I do not think I should answer them. I would like to answer them, but those questions which were raised by the hon. Members are not connected or related to today's Calling Attention.

BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Sixty Ninth Report

[English]

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H.K.L.BHAGAT): Sir, I beg to move:

That this House do agree with the Sixty ninth Report of the Business Advisory Committee presented to the House on the 10th April, 1989."

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: The question is:

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Sixty-ninth Report of the Business Advisory Committee presented to the House on the 10th April, 1989."

The motion was adopted

[English]

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE: (Rajapur) Sir, has he laid the rest of the portion of the Thakkar Commission's Report?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: I think whatever is on the agenda, if you have seen it.

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H.K.L.BHAGAT): Sir, if the House agrees, we shall rise for Lunch at One O'Clock.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Will the House agree that we adjourn at One O'Clock and re-assemble at Two O'Clock?

SEVERAL HON. MEMBERS: Yes,

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: All right

(Interruptions)

SHRI H.K.L.BHAGAT: Thank you very much for agreeing to rise for Lunch.

12.58 hrs

MATTERS UNDER RULE 377

[English]

(I) Need to ensure adequate drinking water supply to Balangir district of Orissa

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: We shall now take up Matters under Rule 377. Shri Nityananda Misra.

SHRI NITYANANDA MISHRA (Balangir): Acute scarcity of drinking water in Bolangir district, Orissa, has created serious and alarming situation. This has been caused by scanty rainfall and severe drought conditions prevailing in this area for a number of consecutive years. All the tanks, bandhs and surface water reservoirs have dried up and the subsoil water level has gone down. The surface wells have become dry and a large number of tubewells have become defunct even though the peak of the season is yet to come. Experts and engineers apprehended such shortage of drinking water and gave clear warning from mid December when the water level was found to be receding fast to extremely low level. Bolangir town with a population of sixty thousand has already experienced acute difficulty because the drinking water supply system has already failed to deliver even one fifth of the normal requirement. Steps as advised by the experts and technical hands have not yet been taken. The district development board demanded a sophisticated rig for deep tube well installation which has not yet been provided. Immediate steps have to be taken out only to augment the water supply but also to make alternative arrangements for the transportation and supply of drinking water to Bolangir town through a fleet of tankers.

I request the Union Government to look into the matter and render necessary assistance to the State Government

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Now, it is 1.00 p.m

we adjourn for lunch and re-assemble at 2.00 p.m.

13.00 hours.

The Lok Sabha adjourned for Lunch till Fourteen of the clock