

Shri Satyagopal  
Misra

Not present

[*English*]

Shri Lokanath  
Choudhary

.. Not present

Prof. Shailendranath  
Shrivastava

.. Not present

Shri Gopi Nath  
Gajapathi

.. Not present

Shri Ram Sagar

11.17 hrs.

#### ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[*English*]

#### **Free Medical Aid to Cancer Patients**

\*317. SHRI RAM SAGAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to provide medicines and injections free of cost to cancer patients in Government hospitals;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government also propose to issue some guidelines to State Government for reimbursement of expenses to State Government employees suffering from cancer?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NILAMANI ROUSTRAY): (a) and (b). Treatment to can-

cer patients in Government hospitals is provided either free or at a subsidised cost depending on the financial status of the patients.

(c) Various State Governments provide for reimbursement of cancer treatment expenses as per their own rules and instructions.

[*Translation*]

SHRI RAM SAGAR: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I had asked in part (c) of my question as to whether Government also propose to issue some guidelines to State Government for reimbursement of expenses to State Government employees suffering from cancer, in reply to which he had stated that various State Governments provided for reimbursement of cancer treatment expenses as per their own rules and instructions. I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether he will lay the rules of State Governments regarding reimbursement of cancer treatment expenses, which are different in each state, on the Table of the House?

[*English*]

SHRI NILAMANI ROUSTRAY: Sir, there is a Central Cancer Board. Also in the States there are State Government Boards. They discuss among themselves. They also receive instructions from the Central Cancer Board. From time to time guideline are provide about the treatment.

About reimbursement in the States, they have got their own rules and accordingly they do.

[*Translation*]

SHRI RAM SAGAR: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I wanted to know from the hon. Minister

whether instructions will be issued to those State Governments for reimbursement of expenses to poor patients and their employees which have no rules at present?

[English]

SHRINILAMANI ROURAY: Sir, this is a State subject. Only the Central Cancer Board gives instructions. About the Central Government employees, we are doing according to the rules and reimbursement is being made. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV: Sir, may I know from the hon. Minister the amount that has been given by the Central Government during the last one year to the cancer patients and two, how many States and how many patients from each State?

[English]

SHRI NILAMANI ROURAY: I require notice. (*Interruptions*)

[Translation]

PROF. MAHADEO SHIWANKAR: Mr. Speaker, Sir, in Naspur, the second capital of Maharashtra, the National Saint Tukaji Maharaj 'Cancer Relief Society' is working. Will the Government recognise its hospital as a regional hospital and provide grants in aid during the current year?

[English]

SHRI NILAMANI ROURAY: If the hon. Member gives me the details, about it. I will certainly look into it.

SHRI KHEMCHANDBHAI SOMABHAI CHAVDA: May I know from the hon. Minister whether the Government is giving financial assistance only to the Tata Institute of Cancer in Bombay? May I request him to give the same financial assistance to the Cancer Institute at Ahmedabad in Gujarat State?

SHRI NILAMANI ROURAY: There are several regional cancer institutes to whom

Government of India gives assistance.

MR. SPEAKER: His question is about giving financial assistance to Ahemdabad Institute.

SHRI NILAMANI ROURAY: The details about Ahemdabad Institute are not with me. I want notice for that.

[Translation]

SHRI J.P. AGARWAL: Mr. Speaker, Sir, cancer is a deadly disease and so far it is incurable. Seminars are being organised every where in the world in regard to this disease. I would like to know from hon. Minister that since millions of people are suffering from this disease, has the Government decided to form a forum or organise seminar where doctors from all over the world may come and discuss the problem?

MR. SPEAKER: This is a question regarding the availability of medicines in hospitals?

SHRI J.P. AGARWAL: This question relates to cancer and since there is no remedy for it, has the Government provided enough funds for this financial year for organising seminars to conduct analysis and survey in this respect? I have seen an article which mentions that in China attempts are being made to find the treatment of cancer by preparing medicine from snake-poison.

[English]

SHRI NILAMANI ROURAY: We do have cancer seminars with the W.H.O.

[Translation]

### **Bisalpur Project of Rajasthan**

\*320. SHRI GOPAL PACHERWAL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bisalpur Project in Tonk District of Rajasthan has been approved;