

जाता है। किसानों को अपनी उपज का पुरा भाव नहीं मिलता है। इसका कारण यह है कि गाँजों को काफ़ी मसल दिया जाता है, ताकि चरस ज्यादा पैदा हो, जिससे उसका बज्जत कम हो जाता है। सारा स्मगलिंग खंडवा से होता है। मंत्री महोदय ने अपने उत्तर में केवल महाराष्ट्र का हवाला दिया है कि महाराष्ट्र शासन से जानकारी ली गई है। मंत्री महोदय मध्य प्रदेश सरकार से भी जानकारी लें कि हर ट्रेन—पंजाब मेल, वाराणसी एक्सप्रेस, लखनऊ एक्सप्रेस, अमृतसर-दादर एक्स-प्रेस—को स्मगलरों जान-बूझ कर वहाँ पर रोकते हैं और राज्य सरकार का उस पर कोई नियंत्रण नहीं है। इस लिये एक स्पेशल फोर्स यहाँ से भेजी जाए। क्या मंत्री महोदय इस ओर ध्यान देंगे ?

MR. SPEAKER: That is a suggestion. He will consider.

श्री शिव कुमार सिंह ठाकुर : अध्यक्ष महोदय, सदन को अधूरी जानकारी दी गई है। यह एक महत्वपूर्ण प्रश्न है। इसका उत्तर आने दीजिए।

SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR: We will look into whatever the hon. Member has said.

DR. VASANT KUMAR PANDIT: This is not the first time that this question has been raised in his House. This is not the first time we have been thinking about it. This is a chronic and serious case. I would like to know whether the Government is serious about it, and if so whether there will be a co-ordinating board of the Ministries of Health, Education, Home Affairs and Finance. This article mentions new routes taken by Smugglers from China, Japan and Hong Kong for trafficking in these dangerous drugs. This has opened up new vistas. Because of the Afghan War the traditional routes have been closed. Now

the entire trafficking to the West goes through India. Is it not a fact that in recent years this drug addiction has increased and the traffic in drugs has also increased, and if so what definite steps the Government plans to take against these two things?

SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR: I agree with the hon. Member that the trafficking through India has increased.

PROF. N. G. RANGA: Therefore, you accept his suggestion.

SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR: We are taking steps.

AN HON. MEMBER: What are the steps? Are you taking the steps suggested?

SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR: I can tell the hon. Member some of the steps which we are taking. At all the international airports, special teams of intelligence officers have been posted. The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence, which is the apex intelligence organisation to prevent smuggling has a Narcotic Cell to maintain liaison with the several intelligence agencies. It is also proposed to set up dog squads to detect these crimes on the lines in force in several foreign countries to detect concealment of narcotic drugs in passenger baggages.

DR. VASANT KUMAR PANDIT: What are the concrete steps which have been taken? Do you coordinate all departmental activities?

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Chintamani Jena.

Advantages and Performance of 'Mini Oral Pill'

*164. SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Council of Medical Research has developed a Mini Oral Pill that contains a very low dose of hormones

and will be particularly suitable to Indian users; and

(b) if so, the details regarding its advantages and performance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) No Sir. The Indian Council of Medical Research has not developed a low dose hormonal pill recently. However, the Council after extensive studies, had recommended the use of a low dose combination oral pill in the year 1974. The said combination pill is being used in National Family Welfare Programme since 1975.

(b) Does not arise.

SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA: I want to know from the hon. Minister, what is the percentage of success of this oral pill now used in the National Family Welfare Programme and I want to know from the hon. Minister whether any research has been made by the Indian Council of Medical Research or is it proposed to take up such research as the oral pill now used is not giving results as per our expectations?

SHRI NIHAR RAJAN LASKAR: If I have understood the hon. member correctly, he wanted to know whether the oral pill which we are using in our family planning programme is useful or not. Our information is that the pill is very effective and it has also less side effect. It is useful for our users.

SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA: What is the percentage of success?

SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR: I can give some figures from which the hon. member can draw his conclusion. We started this programme in 1975-76. At that time 32,301 people were using it. In 1980-81 more than 88,000 people used it.

SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA: May I know whether it is a fact that the

oral pill which is now used is harmful to health as reported by the users and if so, what action has been taken by the Government to do research and evolve a pill which will not be harmful to health?

SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR: The pill which we are now using in our family planning programme is cent per cent successful. The low dose combination oral pill which Indian women are using is cent per cent successful, if daily used. It is very useful and it has no side effect.

Minister's meeting with delegation of Coal Ash and Transshipment Handling Mazdoor Union

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*167. SHRI AJIT KUMAR SAHA:
SHRI MOHAMMED ISMAIL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a delegation of the office bearers of the Indian Railways Coal, Ash and Transshipment Handling Mazdoor Union met him on 9 December, 1980 and discussed with him the question of absorption of coal, ash and transshipment handling workers in permanent services;

(b) if so, steps taken by Government thereon; and

(c) if not, how long it will take to absorb them as permanent employees?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRIES OF RAILWAYS AND EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Statement

(a) The Indian Railways Coal and Ash Handling Mazdoor Union presented a memorandum on 9-12-1980 requesting for departmentalisation of