

**SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF:** Sir, I think the Hon. Member are fully aware that the Mangalore to Miraj line has already been taken up for updating the survey for conversion from metre-gauge to broad-gauge. From Miraj to Hubli, the South-Central Railway has already completed the updating of the survey and the report is awaited. From Bangalore to Hubli it is awaited. Once it comes, then we will process it and send it to the Planning Commission, after proper examination, if considered justified. As my colleague has already said, financial constraints are the main factor. It all depends upon the Planning Commission and the availability of funds.

**SHRI D. K. NAIKAR:** Sir, only one clarification.

(Interruptions)\*\*

**MR. SPEAKER:** No, Mr. Naikar. Not allowed. I do not know whether Mr. Sethi and his colleagues have been impressed by your vehemence, but I have been.

**Medicines destroyed by Red Cross Society**

\*826. **SHRI NIHAL SINGH:**

**SHRI RAM SINGH SHAKYA:**

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that every year costly medicines worth of lakhs of rupees are being received by Indian Red Cross Society from foreign donors or from sister societies; and

(b) is it a fact that there is great shortage of costly medicines and such medicines of foreign make are being destroyed by Indian Red Cross Society as it could not utilise the same within the expiry period?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI KUMUD-BEN M. JOSHI):** (a) and (b). The Indian Red Cross has received consignments of essential drugs from sister Societies abroad and other foreign donors generally on occasions of major calamities. At times, shortages of specific brands of some essential drugs have been reported from different places in the country. However, in several of these cases equivalent products are available. No costly medicine has been destroyed by the Indian Red Cross Society. Certain vaccines could not be utilised because the stocks were received when only one month of shelf life was left and some quantity was returned from the field unutilised after the expiry date.

**श्री निहाल सिंह :** अध्यक्ष महोदय, इन्होंने जो जवाब दिया है उस पर विश्वास नहीं हो रहा है, क्योंकि एमो ही मवाल हमने 13 मार्च, 1982 को पूछा था कि क्या यह सच है कि इंडियन रेड क्रॉस सोसाइटी की दिल्ली ब्रांच प्रत्येक महीने पहले शनिवार को उस कपड़े की बिक्री करती है जो उसे विदेशों से उपहार के रूप में प्राप्त होता है? तो इन्होंने उत्तर दिया कि नहीं। और मेरे पास दो रसीदें हैं जो कपड़ा बेचा गया। एक है इंडियन रेड क्रॉस सोसाइटी, दिल्ली ब्रांच की थिफ्ट शोप की रसीद दिनांक 26-10-1981 और दूसरी रसीद है 2-4-1982 की। यह पक्की रसीदें हैं। और यह उत्तर देते हैं कि नहीं। और यहां बेचा गया। तो यह रसीदें सही हैं या जो उत्तर दिया गया है वह सही है? फिर एमो ही उत्तर दिया कि नष्ट नहीं की जाती है, जब कि मुझे मान्म है कि नष्ट की जाती है। तो मैं मंत्री महोदय से जानना चाहता हूँ कि कि कुछ ऐसी औषधियां जिन पर डेंट ऑफ एक्सपायरी नहीं रहती हैं उन औषधियों का आगे क्या करते हैं?

**THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND):** The first question

which the hon. Member has asked, has nothing to do with the medicines that are destroyed, or should be destroyed. I have nothing to say about it.

About the second question, we have said that some medicines should have been destroyed after the expiry dates. And in 1979, in the case of a medicine that is TAB, out of 65,750 doses which arrived in October, 1978 bearing the expiry date of November 1978, 19,750 doses—could not be utilized because any medicine of this type is to be utilised before the expiry date. And if, out of the shelf life of this medicine, only one month was left when the consignment arrived in this country, naturally it could not be utilized. Under these circumstances, such medicines are to be destroyed.

**श्री निहाल सिंह :** अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैंने पूछा था वहत मी ऐसी दवाइयाँ हैं जिन पर डेटे आफ एक्सपायरी नहीं होती है, उनका आप क्या करते हैं ?

**अध्यक्ष महोदय :** वह एक्सपायर नहीं होती ।

**SHRI B. SHANKARANAND:** Naturally, a medicine or a vaccine which does not bear an expiry date on its vials cannot be utilized, unless its efficiency is tested.

**श्री निहाल सिंह :** अध्यक्ष महोदय, जितनी दवाइयाँ बाहर से आती हैं हवाई अड्डे पर वह वहाँ सालों पड़ी रह जाती हैं और भेज नहीं पाते हैं । और जब भेजते भी हैं तो उनकी डेटे खत्म हो जाती है । तो जो ही वह दवाइयाँ आते-उन्को जल्दी में जल्दी विभिन्न प्रान्तों को भेज दिया जाए, ऐसी व्यवस्था आप करेंगे ?

**SHRI B. SHANKARANAND:** The hon. Member is under the impression that the moment the consignment comes the very same consignment can be immediately despatched. Despatching of consignments of medicines depends on the requirements and the de-

tails of requirements of each State, and the areas affected by the calamity. It cannot be done as the hon. Member thinks.

**श्रीमती कृष्णा साहू :** एक सप्ते के मुताबिक 118 मिलियन बच्चे हमारे देश में गरीबी रेखा के नीचे जी रहे हैं । उन अंडर नरिशड बच्चों के लिये रेडक्रॉस सोसाइटी द्वारा जो विदेशी दानकर्ताओं एवं सहयोगियों से दवाएँ प्राप्त होती हैं, उन औषधियों का हमारे प्रखण्डों, औषधालयों में देहातों में वितरण के लिये भंजा जाता है, लेकिन उनका समय पर वितरण नहीं होता है । क्या मंत्री महोदय इसके लिये कोई विशेष प्रयत्न करेंगे कि वह दवाएँ बर्बाद न हों और वह अंडर नरिशड बच्चों को समय पर मिल जाया करे ?

**SHRI B. SHANKARANAND:** The hon. member has not confined to the main question. It refers to the question of medicines received by the Red Cross Society and despatched to the States concerned.

**श्री राजनाथ सोनकर शास्त्री :** हमारे देश में वर्ल्ड हेल्थ ऑर्गनाइजेशन, रेडक्रॉस सोसाइटी और दूसरी विभिन्न संस्थाओं से काफी मात्रा में दवाएँ आती हैं, परिवार नियोजन संबंधी और इसके साथ ही साथ बच्चों के सम्बन्ध में । यह दवाएँ गाँवों में बच्चों के लिये और उसके साथ-साथ बच्चों के लिए भेजी जाती हैं । स्वास्थ्य केन्द्रों में ये दवाएँ भेजी जाती हैं, जहाँ से प्राथमिक चिकित्सा केन्द्र के लोग और स्टाफ के लोग वितरित करते हैं ।

जो दूरदराज के प्राथमिक स्वास्थ्य केन्द्र हैं वहाँ पर यह दवाइयाँ जाती हैं, उसमें कुछ एक्सपायरी डेट्स वाली दवाएँ होती हैं जो रीफ्रिजरेटर बगैरह के अभाव में ख़त्म हो जाती हैं, या उनकी उपयोगिता समाप्त हो जाती है । वहाँ पर जो गरीब और शोषित वर्ग के लोग होते हैं, क्या उनको दवाएँ वितरित करने में कोई भेद भी किया जाता है ?

**SHRI B. SHANKARANAND:** I have no information as to the receipt of something which concerns the family

planning programme of this country which has been received by the Red Cross Society. So, on this part of the question, I cannot answer. As regards the discrimination which they allege to be existing in various health centres of the country, if the hon. member brings to my notice any such discrimination has been committed, I shall severely take action.

श्री राजनाथ सोनकर शास्त्री : रेफ्रिजरेटर और दूसरे उपकरण जो प्राथमिक स्वास्थ्य केंद्रों पर नहीं और इसकी वजह से दवाएं एकमपायर कर जाती हैं, क्या सरकार की ओर से कुछ ऐसे प्रावधान बनाए गए हैं या सरकार ऐसा सोच रही है कि वहाँ दवाओं को सुरक्षित रखने के लिये रेफ्रिजरेटर और अन्य उपकरण भेजे जायें?

SHRI B. SHANKARANAND: To maintain a refrigerator in its effective functioning, we need electricity and power; without it, we cannot run any refrigerator. So, under these circumstances, there are cases where certain medicines which could not be used go beyond the expiry date.

श्री राजनाथ सोनकर शास्त्री: ऊर्जा मंत्री वरगबर यह कहते हैं कि हमने हिन्दुस्तान के मारे गांव में बिजली पहुंचा दी।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : ऐसा कहीं नहीं कहा है।

#### Safety Monitoring Teams

\*827. SHRI BALKRISHNA WASNIK: Will the Minister of RAILWAY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have appointed two Safety Monitoring Teams to suggest safety measures;

(b) when these safety teams were set up;

(c) the number of divisions toured by them;

(d) whether they have suggested any safety measures so far;

(e) the salient features thereof; and

(f) the extent to which these safety measures have been implemented.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (f). A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

#### STATEMENT

(a) Two High Level Safety Monitoring Teams of railway officers have been appointed to monitor adherence to the safety provisions on Railways.

(b) These teams were constituted on 2.2.82.

(c) 44 (Forty Four).

(d) to (f). The main thrust of the functioning of these teams is to ensure that measures to improve safety consciousness amongst railway staff and officers are ensured. For this, the teams are carrying out extensive inspections of stations, yards, track, bridges, loco sheds, signalling installations. The teams are discussing their observations with the local staff and officers to ensure immediate rectification of the lacunae and deficiencies which come to their notice.

SHRI BALKRISHNA WASNIK: Can the hon. Minister tell us the composition of these teams and whether the results of the suggestions made by the teams are satisfactory so far?

SHRI MALLIKARJUN: Two High Powered Safety Monitoring Teams have been constituted recently in the month of February and the composition of them is that they consist of senior administrative officers from various disciplines like mechanical engineering, civil engineering, signalling and telecommunication and operation.