

one of the leading anti-Rabic institutions in Asia and has frequently come to the help of the Government. They have recently isolated the influenza virus and they have been given a grant of Rs. 2500. This is a charitable institution and a trust; the resources are not enough for improving and expanding it appreciably. Actually I was astounded to learn that this institution would be able to supply 20,000 vaccines against the influenza virus by August. This, I submit, is a drop in the ocean. We need much more of preventive care. From what I hear of this epidemic, the second wave is expected to be more dangerous in its incidence; and, there is a likelihood of a third wave also. Therefore, I would submit that every care should be taken to help institutions like the Pasteur Institute and Haffkine Institute and other institutions to which reference is made in the report submitted to us by the department.

The staff for these institutions have to be very carefully selected and they must be increased. I am also aware that there is a Virus Institute at Poona. I do not know what the actual expenditure incurred on it is. I find that an extensive survey is being conducted in this institute by eminent doctors from America and they are determining the anti-body levels of the blood population against different viruses. I sincerely hope that qualified Indians are also being trained and they are given all encouragement in the Virus Institute at Poona. I am not against importation of foreign experts so far as they are necessary. To the extent necessary they must be imported. But I am sure the Government will make it a condition that each and everyone of them must train as many Indians as possible in the Departments in which they are experts.

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Reference has been made to the drug industry *in extenso*. I wish to echo the sentiments of my learned friend, Pandit Thakur Das Bhargava, with regard to crores of rupees being

spent by Indians on drugs. There are already some European and American firms which have established big concerns here and have taken Indians into their management and organisation. There is an institute in Calcutta doing some work. I am sure Government will take every step to see that we become as self-sufficient as possible in the manufacture of drugs.

PANEL OF CHAIRMEN

Mr. Speaker: Before I call upon Shrimati Maniben Patel, I have to inform the House that under Rule 9(1) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business, I have nominated the following Members as Members of the Panel of Chairmen:

- (1) Shri J. M. Mohamed Imam.
- (2) Shri C. R. Pattabhi Raman.

I request Shri Pattabhi Raman to come and take the Chair.

DEMANDS FOR GRANTS—contd.

MINISTRY OF HEALTH—Contd.

The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar): When are you likely to call me?

Mr. Speaker: The time was extended by one hour; that means the debate will be concluded at 2.15. How long does the Minister propose to take?

Shri Karmarkar: If you allow me, half-an-hour.

Mr. Speaker: He will be called at 1.45. I propose to allow ten minutes for every hon. Member. I find a number of hon. Members are anxious to take part in the discussion.

Shri Dasappa (Bangalore): I thought you were allotting four hours for this Ministry.

Mr. Speaker: Three hours. I extended it by one hour. I said that in future five hours will be allotted