

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, M/s Bihar State Industrial Development Corporation Ltd. had applied in Sept. 84 for a letter of intent for setting up an aromatic complex at Barauni, Distt. Begusarai in the State of Bihar. This application was rejected by the Government on the grounds that the feed-stock required for this project has not been tied-up.

Opening of TB Wards in Hospitals in the Capital

687. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Government hospitals in the Capital do not admit chronic TB patients who are also suffering from other chronic ailments like heart, liver and kidney related diseases as indoor patients;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that TB hospitals treat only tuberculosis and not other ailments; and

(d) if so, whether Government will consider the proposal to open an exclusive ward in every Central Government hospital in the Capital for admitting TB patients suffering from other diseases also?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI DASAI CHOWDHARY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir. Patients suffering from other Chest ailments are also treated in Lala Ram Sarup Institute of T.B. and Allied Diseases, New Delhi.

(d) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Appointment of Specialists of other Disciplines in T.B. Hospitals

688. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that TB hospitals in the Capital do not have the additional services of cardiology, liver, ENT, Surgical, etc. and TB patients suffering from other ailments do not get proper treatment in these hospitals;

(b) whether it is also a fact that many TB patients die due to heart or kidney failure, liver malfunctioning, etc. in these TB hospitals;

(c) if so, what is the total number of such patients that died in these hospitals during the last three years and the details of the causes of their death being other than TB; and

(d) whether Government propose to appoint other Specialists also in the TB hospitals?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI DASAI CHOWDHARY): (a) Yes, Sir. However, patients suffering from other ailments are referred to other hospitals in Delhi.

(b) No, Sir. The deaths in TB hospitals are due to overwhelming Tuberculosis.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) There is no such proposal.

Blindness among Children

689. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item captioned "80,000 children turn blind every year" as reported in the *Hindustan Times* of the 12th January, 1991;

(b) whether it is a fact that thousands of children go blind every year due to deficiency of Vitamin A and improper diet; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI DASAI CHOWDHARY): (a) to (c) Government is aware of the news-item. It is stated, however, that country-wide detailed study on the actual incidence of blindness due to Vitamin A deficiency has not been carried out so far to give exact number of children going blind every year.

There is a scheme of Prophylaxis against blindness due to Vitamin A deficiency under which Vitamin A solution is administered to children in the age group 1—5 years. About 30 million children are being covered every year. Further during the current year the first dose of Vitamin A will be given to all infants alongwith measles vaccine at 9—12 months.

Nutritional education about intake of Vitamin A rich food is being provided through multi-media activities. Supplementary nutrition under Integrated Child Development Scheme programme by the Ministry of Welfare, fortification of milk with Vitamin A by the Ministry of Food and Civil Supplies are other measures in the direction. With all these steps prevalence of nutritional blindness is gradually coming down.

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690. डा० अब्दुल अहमद : क्या नागर विमानन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) राजस्थान को जाने वाली और राजस्थान से आने वाली उन उड़ानों का ब्योरा क्या है, जिन्हें खाड़ी युद्ध के कारण रद्द कर दिया गया है;

(ख) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि इन उड़ानों के रद्द किये जाने से राजस्थान से उद्योग और पर्यटन पर प्रतिकूल प्रभाव पड़ा है;

(ग) इन उड़ानों को पुनः कब से आरंभ कर दिए जाने की संभावना है ;

(घ) इन उड़ानों को रद्द किए जाने के कारण प्रतिदिन कितनी मात्रा में ईंधन की बचत हुई है ; और

(ङ) क्या उन्हें अपने उस वक्तव्य का स्मरण है जिसमें उन्होंने यह कहा था कि खाड़ी युद्ध के कारण बरेलू उड़ानों को रद्द नहीं किया जाएगा ?

नागर विमानन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री हरमोहन धवन) : (क) खाड़ी युद्ध को देखते हुए इंडियन एयरलाइंस की निम्नलिखित उड़ानें 22.1.91 से कम कर दी गयी थी :-

इंडियन एयर लाइंस

(1) आईसी 491/492 (दिल्ली-जयपुर-उदयपुर औरंगाबाद-बम्बई और वापसी) उड़ान को प्रतिदिन के स्थान पर सप्ताह में चार बार कर दिया गया।

(2) आईसी 493/494 (दिल्ली जयपुर-जोधपुर-उदयपुर बम्बई और वापसी) उड़ान को प्रतिदिन के स्थान पर सप्ताह में तीन बार कर दिया गया।

(3) आईसी 446/445 (बम्बई-जयपुर-बम्बई) उड़ान को, जो सप्ताह में चार बार परिचालित होती थी बन्द कर दिया गया था।