

Hon'ble Member has mentioned about Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital. This hospital is in the heart of the city and usually we get more patients there. But it is not true that senior officers do not pay attention to the patients. They are in charge of Casualty Wards and they are taking all possible care of the patients.

So far as the infrastructure is concerned, I have already mentioned that we are going to have five more hospitals and they will reduce the load on the existing hospitals.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Incidence of Leprosy in Delhi

*241. SHRI K. C. SEBASTIAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item in the Times of India of the 18th February, 1984 regarding large scale increase in the incidence of leprosy in Delhi;

(b) whether the Ministry of Health conducted any study based on that report; and

(c) whether Government have any steps under their consideration to prevent lepers entering Delhi for begging from neighbouring towns?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHAN-KARANAND): (a) yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Beggars, including beggars suffering from Leprosy are dealt with under Anti Beggary Law.

Development of Homoeopathic System of Medicine

*243. SHRI ARABINDA GHOSH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state the reasons for not providing adequate

assistance and subsidy for development of Homoeopathic system of medicine?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHAN-KARANAND): The Government have been providing adequate assistance and making concerned efforts for the development of Homoeopathy System of Medicine. The Central Council of Homoeopathy is regulating homoeopathic education and practice in the country and the Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy is developing and coordinating scientific research in different aspects of this system. The Government are developing the National Institute of Homoeopathy and the Homoeopathic Pharmacopoeia Laboratory. The Government are also giving grants to the private Homoeopathic colleges in the country for the setting up of book banks and purchase of laboratory equipment.

दानापुर-समस्तीपुर एक्सप्रेस

* 247. श्री राम भगत पासवान : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि महात्मा गांधी सेतु बन जाने के बाद उत्तर बिहार का रेल सम्पर्क दक्षिण पश्चिम बिहार से और देश के शेष भाग से बिलकुल कट गया है ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि उत्तर बिहार को जाने वाली दानापुर—समस्तीपुर एक्सप्रेस का देश के दक्षिणी तथा पश्चिमी भागों से आने वाली किसी भी रेलगाड़ी से मेल नहीं है ; और

(ग) क्या सरकार मगध एक्सप्रेस, तिनिसुकिया मेल तथा डीलक्स एक्सप्रेस के साथ मेल बिठाने हेतु दानापुर—समस्तीपुर एक्सप्रेस को पटना से मध्याह्न 12 बजे चलाने का विचार रखती है ?

रेल मंत्री (श्री ए० बी० ए० गनी खान चौधरी) (क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) दानापुर—समस्तीपुर एक्सप्रेस की एक विशिष्ट भूमिका है और वह राज्य की

राजधानी को उत्तरी बिहार के एक महत्वपूर्ण केन्द्र से जोड़ती है। पटना और उत्तरी बिहार के बीच यात्रा करने वाले लोगों की सुविधा के लिए इस गाड़ी का समय इस प्रकार निश्चित किया गया है कि वह सुबह पटना पहुंच सके ताकि न्यायालय और राज्य सचिवालय जाने वाले तथा व्यापार से संबंध समस्तीपुर के यात्रियों को सुविधा रहे और वे शाम को पटना से वापिस लौट सकें।

(ग) जी नहीं। क्योंकि तब यह गाड़ी समस्तीपुर के उन लोगों के लिए सुविधाजनक नहीं रहेगी जिन्हें राज्य की राजधानी में व्यापारिक कार्य करके उसी दिन लौटना होता है।

Increase in prices of Vanaspati oil

*248. SHRI J. P. GOYAL:

SHRI N. P. CHENGALRAYA
NAIDU:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is shortage of vanaspati oil in the market in Delhi;

(b) whether the vanaspati prices are increased by voluntary agreement between the industry and Government;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government have allowed the vanaspati manufacturers to increase the price of their products;

(d) if so, the extent of increase in prices allowed and from which date;

(e) what are the reasons for allowing the increase in prices; and

(f) what measures have been taken to ensure availability of various brands of vanaspati oil in the market in adequate quantity?

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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI BHAGWAT JHA AZAD): (a) There is no report about the shortage of vanaspati in Delhi.

(b) and (c) There has been no increase in the voluntary price of vanaspati since 17-2-1982.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

(f) Government are supplying imported edible oil to the extent of 75 per cent of the requirements of the vanaspati industry at present, to maintain production of vanaspati and its easy availability in the market. State Governments concerned have also been requested to keep the vanaspati industry out of the power cut, if any, and other problems regarding various inputs are also sorted out in periodic meetings with the industry.

Ticketless travelling on Railways

*249. SHRI KRISHNA NAND JOSHI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of ticketless travellers apprehended on different Railway zones during the last three months and the amount realised from them as fine etc.; and

(b) what measures Government propose to take to stop ticketless travelling on the Railways?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURY):

(a) The number of persons apprehended travelling without ticket or with improper tickets and railway dues and judicial fine realised, railway-wise during the period.