

RAJYA SABHA

*Wednesday, the 29th August, 1973/the 1th
Bhadra, 1895 (Saka)*

The House met at eleven of the clock, MR.
CHAIRMAN in the chair.

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Promotion of Ayurvedic Pharmacists to the posts of Store Keepers

*706. SHRI DWIJENDRALAL SEN
GUPTA : Will the Minister of HEALTH
AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to
state :

(a) whether it is a fact that some Ayurvedic
pharmacists in the C. G. H. S. Scheme have
been promoted to the posts of store keepers
while their conduct was under investigation by
the G. B. I. in connection with the pilferage of
ayurvedic medicines worth rupees ten
thousand; and

(b) if so, the reasons for promoting per-
sons with doubtful integrity ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY
PLANNING (SHRI KON. DAJJI BASAIPA)
: (a) and (b) There is no post of store-keeper in
the Ayur. vedic dispensaries under the G. G.
H. S. The question of promotion of an Ayur-
vedaic Pharmacist as an Ayurvedic Storekeeper
does not arise.

SHRI DWIJENDRALAL SEN GUPTA :
May I know from the Minister whether there
was any shortage at least detected in respect
of the man »who was promoted ?

SHRI KONDAJJI BASAPPA : Yes
Sir; about Rs. 55.10 was the value of »e
medicine found to be in shortage.

SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR : We
examined and there was shortage of stock of
one medicine, Vasant Kusuma-kar.

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SHRI DWIJENDRALAL SEN
GUPTA : What is the policy of the
Government in tegard to piomoting poisons of
doubtful integriity ?

SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR : They are only
pharmacists and clerJcs. He is one of them.
When this matter came to the notice of the
Department, we made a thorough inquiry and
as my colleague just mentioned, the shottage
of the stock was there and its value was
assessed. And then the entire question was
examined with the help of the G. B. I. It was
not a crime of a nature where extreme pu-
nishment was called for. So, when he returned
the money, with a warning be has been
retained.

SHRI DWIJENDRALAL SEN
GUPTA : The bon. Minister has not answered
my question as to \<hat i, he policy of the
Government in ma us of promoting persons of
doubtful integrity.

SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR : It is
I not a question of promotion here because he
was holding a post; it was whether he should
be removed or kept in his position. The
promotion policy is certainly decided by the
Departmental Promotion Committee and at the
higher level in consultation with the L. P. S. C.
Departmental Promotion Committee at the first
level and, at the higher level, it is done in
consultation with the UPSC And nowhere will
you find that a man of questionable integrity
has been pro. moted.

Deep-sea-fishing

♦707. SHRI SITARAM KESRI • Will the
Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to
state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the export of
marine products has more than doubled in the
last ten years and that there is plenty of scope
for further increase; and

(b) if so, whether Government have taken
step to encourage deep sea fishing /