

SHRI JOACHIM ALVA: In view of the structural changes. . .

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : The question says whether bank deposits in the nationalised banks has increased since their nationalisation. Therefore, your supplementary is outside the scope of the question.

SHRI ARJUN ARORA: He may be allowed to raise it after the question hour. Madam, the point that he has raised is a very important one.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : I do not think. It relates to increase in deposits. Mr. Niren Ghosh.

SHRI NIREN GHOSH: May I know, Madam, whether the directive given to the foreign banks that they should not accept any more deposits after the nationalisation of banks has been honoured by the foreign banks. Secondly, may I know whether Custodians who have now become the Chairmen are tied to the monopoly houses who used to own these banks? Should they not be removed and in their place new persons who are committed to the policy of nationalisation be put in charge of nationalised banks?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: It is outside the scope of the question.

SHRI P. C. SETHI: No such directions have been issued to the foreign banks. I have given figures which indicate that deposit money has not flown into the foreign banks as is the fear of the hon'ble Member.

With regard to the appointment of Custodians a decision fundamentally has been taken that they will be appointed Custodians. The Government is competent to have any other authority if they think it proper.

LEPROSY HOSPITALS

584. SHRI J. S. TILAK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING AND WORKS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Leprosy Hospitals in the country run by the Central Government and the places where they are located;

(b) 'tow many patients were treated in these hospitals in the year 1968; and

(c) what has been the approximate annual cost involved in running these institutions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING AND WORKS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI B. S. MURTHY) : (a) There is only one Leprosy Hospital namely, the Central Leprosy Teaching and Research Institute at Tirumani, District Chingleput (Tamil Nadu) under the Central Government. It has a Children's Clinic at Saidapet, Madras.

(b) 19407 out-patients and 1739 in patients were treated in this hospital during the year 1968.

(c) The annual expenditure of this institution is about Rs. 16 to 17 lakhs which includes the contribution of the Tamil Nadu Government.

SHRI J. S. TILAK: May I know from the Government whether leprosy is on the increase or on the decrease? What I am seeing is that the Government is touching just the fringe of the problem. May I, therefore, know whether the Government has any phased programme to check its growth and may I know what is the reaction of the Government to the Bill on sterilisation of Mrs. Paranjpye as one of the remedies to check leprosy?

SHRI B. S. MURTHY: Madam, we are of the view that because of the regular phased, planned work that has been going on leprosy is being slowly controlled.

SHRIMATI SHAKUNTALA PARANJPYE: I heard the Minister say that leprosy was being controlled. I would like to know as to how many cures have been effected in these hospitals.

SHRI K. K. SHAH: During the year 1968, i 9,407 out-patients were treated in addition to 1,739 in-patients. The main clinic of the Institute treated 7,660 cases. The clinic run for the benefit of the staff treated 1,454 and the mobile clinic treated 3,555 patients. Children's Clinic, Saidapet, treated 6,738 patients.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: She wants to know how many were cured.

SHRI K. K. SHAH : I am sorry I do not have that figure.

SHRI G. RAMACHANDRAN: I would like the hon'ble Minister to tell us if there are in India any non-official organisations doing leprosy work of a high order. Which are these organisations, and what kind of collaboration exists between the Government hospitals and the organisations doing this work?

SHRI B. S. MURTHY: There are a number of non-official organisations which are assisting the Government in the cure and control of leprosy.

SHRI G. RAMACHANDRAN: Which are they?

SHRI K. K. SHAH: There are 36 in all in addition to 5 international, total 41. Some of them are:—

1. Santhal Paharia Sewa Mandal.
2. Deogarh Vaidyanath (Bihar).
3. Gandhi Memorial Leprosy Foundation, Wardha.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You need not give all the names.

SHRI G. RAMACHANDRAN : What is the kind of collaboration between the Government and these bodies.

SHRI K. K. SHAH : They are given grants-in-aid.

SHRI KALYAN ROY: Is the Minister aware that in the last few years leprosy is alarmingly increasing in the coal-mining belts in Bihar and Bengal, particularly in Purulia, in Burdwan and in the Jharia districts. As a result of this, thousands of skilled coal workers are being thrown out of employment and no treatment is there to cure them of leprosy. May I know if the Government have any special plan to rid these areas of leprosy?

SHRI K. K. SHAH: There are 182 leprosy control units established by the Government of India. Then there are 130 S.E.T. centres. I have not set separate figures for coal areas.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN" : Any way, you may take the information from the hon. Member.

श्री सुन्दर सिंह भंडारी : महोदया, जो निजी संस्थाओं के द्वारा ये कुष्ठ रोग के अस्पताल चलते हैं और सरकार द्वारा उनको सहायता दी जा रही है, तो इन अस्पतालों का काम किस प्रकार चल रहा है इसकी जांच या निगरानी करने के लिए और उसके आधार पर उनकी मदद को घटाने-बढ़ाने की दृष्टि से कोई तंत्र या कोई व्यवस्था सरकार ने स्थापित कर रखी

SHRI K. K. SHAH: Grants in aid, so far as the Government of India is concerned, are processed on the recommendations of the State Governments and there is a committee here which looks after these grants. Supervision is carried out by our inspectors.

PAPER MONEY IN CIRCULATION

*585. SHRI KRISHAN KANT : SHRI ARJUN ARORA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the amount of paper money in circulation in India during the last ten years, year-wise; and

(b) what are the targets in this regard for the next five years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

(b) No targets are fixed in advance.

STATEMENT

Notes in Circulation

Last Friday	(Rs. Crores)
1959-60	1801.73
1960-61	1941.57
1961-62	2027.13
1962-63	2198.79
1963-64	2410.83
1964-65	2563.69
1965-66	2823.19
1966-67	2976.60
1967-68	3150.79
1968-69	3453.50

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Krishan Kant.