

श्री आर० पी० खैतान : इस में यह जो बंग एंड कंपनी है, जो विदेशी फर्म है इन पर कितना रुपया बकाया है।

SHRI P. C. SETHI: I have to go through the entrie list to find out the names.

श्री चन्द्र शेखर : महोदया, क्या पूरे का योग बता सकते हैं मंत्री महोदय कि 500 लोगों पर जो 10 लाख से ऊपर के हैं उन पर कितना इनकम टैक्स बकाया है ?

श्री पी० सी० सेठी : यह कुछ चार्जिज का 84 करोड़ रुपये के लगभग आता है।

CLOSURE OF A LEPROSY HOSPITAL

*154. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: †

SHRI G. R. PATIL:

SHRI S. B. BOBDEY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING AND WORKS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the recent Press Report about the closure of a Leprosy Hospital run by a Foreign Mission near Satara;

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

(c) whether the Central Government give any grants to hospitals run by foreign missionaries and if so, the names of such institutions and the amount given to them?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING AND WORKS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI B. S. MURTHY): (a) Yes, Madam. The American Marathi Mission, Satara, has stopped leprosy control work since 25th January, 1969.

(b) There were differences between the American Marathi Mission and the workers; and

(c) All voluntary medical institutions are eligible for grants-in-aid from Government, if they fulfil the prescribed conditions. Information regarding the names of foreign missionary institutions and the grants received by them will be compiled and placed on the Table of the Sabha.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: Madam, may I know from the Government the specific reply to part (b) of the question—"if so, what are the reasons therefor?" Particularly I would like to know from the Minister why the American Presbyterian Mission decided to close down the hospital. I want to have a specific reply to my question whether he is aware that an application has been preferred to the Home Minister of the Government of India that the American Mission is increasingly putting obstacles in the path of the Indian Christians who are running these hospitals but who are not toeing the line of the main body, COMAR as it is called in America, or the United Church of North India, the parent body in India.

SHRI B. S. MURTHY: Madam, from the information that we have now with us, it seems that the missionary people wanted the lepers to be converted into Christianity, and the workers did not like it.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: "Workers" means Indian Christians?

SHRI B. S. MURTHY. No.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: Who are the workers?

SHRI B. S. MURTHY: There is one Mr. Mahanti in charge of the workers . . .

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: Is he not an Indian Christian?

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri A. G. Kulkarni.

SHRI B. S. MURTHY: We do not know.

SHRI MORARJI R. DESAI: He must be an Indian Christian.

SHRI B. S. MURTHY: We do not have the information. If I say he is an Indian Christian and tomorrow it is found that he is not an Indian Christian and he is a workerTherefore, as far as we know, there was a dispute between the missionaries and the workers there under the leadership of Mr. Mahanti. The missionaries wanted the conversion of the patients suffering from leprosy, and the workers said "No." Therefore, perhaps the funds are withheld and it is not being run now.

SHRIMATI SHAKUNTALA PARANJPYE: I would like to know the number of in-patients and out-patients at this leprosy hospital.

SHRI B. S. MURTHY: We do not have the break-up.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: May I know from the Government whether they can assure us that this hospital which has been closed down not for a rightful cause but due to some ulterior motive of the American Presbyterian Mission, will be re-started by the Government and the lepers who were treated there will be treated, because this is a very urgent necessity in that area as a lepers' colony has been started there and because of these moves of the American Mission, that has been stopped?

SHRI B. S. MURTHY: Madam, medical care, as the hon. Member is aware, is under provincial autonomy, and if the State Government is willing to undertake it, we shall be very happy to assist in all possible ways.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Next question.

INDIAN DRUGS AND PHARMACEUTICALS LIMITED

*155. SHRI JAGAT NARAIN:
SHRI NIRANJAN VARMA:†

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the three units of the Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Ltd., located at Rishikesh, Madras and Hyderabad, incurred a loss of nearly one crore of rupees in the year 1968; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS (SHRI D. R. CHAVAN): (a) The loss incurred by the Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Limited during the year ended March, 1968 was Rs. 232.54 lakhs including depreciation and interest on loans.

(b) The main reasons for the loss are:

(i) The year was one of completion of erection, start-up, trial production and commissioning for industrial production of the Antibiotics and Synthetic Drugs Plants at Rishikesh and Hyderabad respectively.

(ii) Low production of the Surgical Instruments plant at Madras, mainly on account of lack of demand.

श्री निरंजन वर्मा: क्या श्रीमान् यह बतलायेंगे कि जहाँ पर यह तीनों फैक्ट-रियाँ स्थित हैं उन स्थानों पर कच्चे माल की और इस प्रकार के औषधि के कच्चे भंडार की बहुत कमी है जिस के कारण भंडार को औषधियाँ मिल नहीं पाती हैं और इस वजह से ही वह बराबर हानि में रन कर रहे हैं।

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Niranjana Varma.