

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI MORARJI R. DESAI): (a) Prosecutions were launched in the following cases:

- (i) Shri T. S. Baliah,
- (ii) Shri Kishore Kumar,
- (iii) Shri Dilip Kumar,
- (iv) Miss Asha Parekh.

(b) Only one case against Shri T. S. Baliah has so far been decided. He has been convicted and fines aggregating to Rs. 3,250 have been imposed on him. Cases against the other persons named in reply to part (a) of the question are still pending before the Courts. In none of these four cases, the offence was compounded.

(c) The details of income-tax arrears at present in the three cases under trial are given below:

Shri Kishore Kumar Rs. 3,63,418.

Shri Dilip Kumar Rs. 6,00,555.

Miss Asha Parekh Rs. 15,030.

RELAXATIONS REGARDING FOREIGN TRAVEL

713. SHRI S. A. KHAJA MOHI-DEEN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to a report published in the 'Hindustan Times' dated the 13th March, 1969 to the effect that Reserve Bank officials do not know how to implement the relaxations regarding foreign travel announced recently by the Union Finance Ministry;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government in this regard; and

(c) whether the Reserve Bank has communicated its difficulties in this regard to Government?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI MORARJI R. DESAI): (a) Yes, Madam

(b) This scheme was introduced on an experimental basis and its working will be reviewed in due course of time.

(c) No, Madam.

INCIDENCE OF CANCER

714. SHRI S. A. KHAJA MOHI-DEEN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING AND WORKS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Dr. D. J. Jussawalla, Founder-Secretary of the Indian Cancer Society, observed that about five lakhs of people die of cancer in India every year; and

(b) if so, what positive steps Government propose to take to fight cancer?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING AND WORKS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI B. S. MURTHY): (a) The Government is not aware of Dr. Jussawalla's findings. According to the report of the Cancer Committee (1966) about 2 lacs persons die annually of Cancer in the country.

(b) The Government is encouraging research in the causation and treatment of cancer. Cancer research centres exist at Calcutta, Madras and Bombay. There are 31 Cobalt units for radio therapy in the country. Assistance is also given by the Central Government for obtaining Cobalt units for Radio Therapy. Surgical treatment of operable cases of cancer is given free to poor patients in all General Hospitals in the country, where adequate facilities are available. The Indian Cancer Society is publishing periodically literature giving early symptoms and warning signals of cancer with a view to detect cases of cancer as early as possible.