

less than the annual intake for these three years. Therefore, there is no question whatsoever of any people being thrown out of job either today or in the near future.

**SHRI D. THENGARI :** While the assurance of the Life Insurance Corporation may be genuine and not controversial, can the Government assure us that consequent upon the introduction of the electronic computers the employment potential of the Life Insurance Corporation in the immediate future and the grades and the promotional avenues of the existing staff will in no way be adversely affected?

**SHRI B. R. BHAGAT :** We cannot give any assurance about the future grade and promotion because it depends not only on the introduction of this but also on various other factors.

**SHRI G. MURAHARI :** I would like to know whether the Government could give us figures as to how much of foreign exchange will be involved in installing this device. I do not want the Minister to say that the Finance Ministry has not sanctioned any foreign exchange, but I want to know how much foreign exchange will be involved indirectly?

**SHRI B. R. BHAGAT :** These computers have been purchased and the cost is Rs. 82 lakhs for both. They are Indian companies and the payment will be in rupees.

**SHRI G. MURAHARI :** How much of foreign exchange?

(No reply)

**SHRI ARJUN ARORA :** May I know if it is a fact that the computers have not been purchased but they have been hired and that their hiring will be a constant drain on our meagre foreign exchange resources?

**SHRI B. R. BHAGAT :** Earlier they were on hire. Then it was decided to purchase them.

**SHRI R. S. KHANDEKAR :** The Minister said that no retrenchment will take place on account of the introduction of these computers. Is it not a fact that future employment will be

restricted on account of the use of these computers and, if so, what steps are being taken in this matter?

**SHRI B. R. BHAGAT :** Mechanisation is necessary, not only here but everywhere, with the growing improvement in technology. As I gave the figure, the annual intake will more than cover at least during the three years, whatever people will be rendered surplus.

**SHRI P. K. KUMARAN :** If there is no retrenchment and if there is no saving of labour, may I know why, at a time when there is a severe foreign exchange crisis, foreign exchange is spent on importing these computers and also creating unemployment in the country?

**SHRI B. R. BHAGAT :** What I said did not mean the equation that he has arrived at, that there is no retrenchment and there is no saving in labour. It is possible that mechanisation may be going on and total employment may also be going on. The simple thing is that the whole thing is expanding. There is no inconsistency.

**SHRI G. MURAHARI :** You are spending foreign exchange.

**SHRI B. R. BHAGAT :** As for the foreign exchange, payment has been made in rupees. It may be that these companies may take out money and at that time foreign exchange may be liable to be there. But other normal arrangements about deferred payment for a period is there; a limitation period may be there. Before that the money cannot be taken out. All these safeguards have been taken.

#### FAMILY PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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SHRIMATI TARA RAM-CHANDRA STATE :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state whether for the effective

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shrimati Lalitha (Rajagopalan).

implementation of Family Planning any action has been taken by Government for the setting up of a separate department for Family Planning ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (DR. SUSHILA NAYAR) : Yes, Sir.

SHRIMATI LALITHA (RAJAGOPALAN) : May I know what are the broad outlines of the plan for 1966-67?

DR. SUSHILA NAYAR : The outlines of the Plan for 1966-67 are in line with what is being done, namely, continuation of education and motivation of the people for having small families, provision of services to those who are motivated and continuation of the training programmes and research programmes.

SHRIMATI LALITHA (RAJAGOPALAN) : Is it a fact that the Social Welfare Department is also brought under the Family Planning Ministry ?

DR. SUSHILA NAYAR : No, Sir. The Social Welfare Department is not being brought under the Family Planning Department in the Health Ministry. It is a separate Department and it is not in the Health Ministry.

श्री भगवत नारायण भार्गव : मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि जो स्टाफ अभी तक काम कर रहा था वह उसमें ट्रांसफर होगा, उसके अतिरिक्त क्या और गजेटेड आफीसर और नान-गजेटेड आफीसर रखे जाएंगे ? अगर रखे जाएंगे तो कितनी संख्या में और उनका रिक्रूटमेंट किस प्रकार होगा ?

डॉ० सुशीला नायर : श्रीमन्, यह विभाग तो पहले ही स्वास्थ्य मंत्रालय में काम करता था। इसलिए जो पहले अफसर थे करीब 10 वे तो काम करते रहेंगे। उसके अलावा कुछ और अफसर गजेटेड और नान-गजेटेड बढ़ाने का भी इरादा है। उनके लिए प्रपोज़ल्स कुछ गए हैं, कुछ सेन्कशन हो गए हैं और कुछ और हो जाएंगे।

श्री रामकुमार भुवालका : क्या मंत्री जी बताएंगे कि अभी देश में किस अनुपात से जनसंख्या बढ़ रही है, और सरकार ने इस जनसंख्या को रोकने के लिए, ठोस कदम उठाने के लिए, कोई नया तरीका सोचा है ? अगर सोचा है तो क्या सोचा है ?

डॉ० सुशीला नायर : श्रीमन्, पिछली जनसंख्या के हिसाब से 2.1 प्रतिशत जनसंख्या की वृद्धि 1950 और 1960 के बीच में हुई है। अन्दाजा है कि उसके बाद 2.4 प्रतिशत के हिसाब से शायद वृद्धि हो रही है। जहाँ तक इसको रोकने का सवाल है, सरकार ठोस कदम उठा रही है और जो सारे तरीके हैं सर्विसेज़ पहुँचाने के—चाहे वह स्टर्लाइजेशन का हो, चाहे लूप का हो—वे सारे तरीके इसकी रोकथाम के लिए ही हैं और उनसे कुछ असर भी हो रहा है।

SHRI G. MURAHARI : I would like to know from the Government whether they are aware of the fact that all these family planning efforts get confined only to the cities and to the educated few, whereas the population actually goes on increasing in the villages and whether the Government would indicate the steps that they are going to take to see that this family planning campaign or work that is contemplated goes to the villagers and to those people who are unable to read the pamphlets that this Ministry publishes.

DR. SUSHILA NAYAR : Sir, the hon'ble Member's information is not correct. More than three-fourths, nearly four-fifths of our family planning centres are located in the rural areas. Apart from the fact that pamphlets are printed, films are shown, house-to-house visits are undertaken and talks are given and services are taken to the very doorsteps in as many cases as possible.

SHRI M. M. DHARIA : May I know, Sir, if in order to effectively control the present rising growth of population, the Government is considering (1) to legalise abortion, (2) to

apply economic sanction and (3) to introduce the Bigamous Marriages Act to all castes and religions ?

DR. SUSHILA NAYAR : Sir, there is no proposal to do any of these three at present.

SHRIMATI SHAKUNTALA PARANJPYE : The hon'ble Minister replied that in order to bring about an effective implementation, a separate department of family planning has been started. Now I would like to know from the Minister if starting of a separate department for this purpose does not duplicate the work and does not also lead to some discord between the health programmes and the family planning programmes ?

DR. SUSHILA NAYAR : Because it is within the Health Ministry that this department is functioning, we have taken effective steps to ensure continuous adequate co-ordination and functioning of the staff in health and family planning areas in an integrated manner.

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी : क्या माननीय मंत्री महोदया को मालूम है कि परिवार नियोजन के नाम पर गांवों में क्या हो रहा है ? क्या यह सच है कि अफसरों में होड़ लगी है कि कौन अधिक से अधिक स्टेरेलाइजेशन के केसेज लाता है और इसमें 80 साल के बूढ़ों को स्टेरेलाइज किया जा रहा है, 16 या 17 साल के लड़कों को बहका कर स्टेरेलाइजेशन के लिये लाया जा रहा है ?

सभापति जी, मैं अभी गोंडा गया था, वहां दो मामले मेरे सामने आये, 80 साल के बूढ़े का, जिसको लड़के हुए 40 साल हो गये उसका स्टेरेलाइजेशन कर दिया गया और उसको 12 रु० नकद मिले और उसकी सूची भेजी जा रही है परिवार नियोजन विभाग से, जिससे कि कारगुजारी दिखाई जाय। एक और मामला मेरे सामने आया...

श्री गोड़े मुराहरि : घर घर जा कर मही कर रहे हैं।

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी : एक 16 साल के लड़के को, उसकी शादी नहीं हुई है उसको

बहका कर लाया गया और उसकी नसबन्दी कर दी गई। क्या केन्द्र की ओर से इस सम्बन्ध में स्पष्ट निर्देश दिये गये हैं और क्या ये जो घटनायें में बता रहा हूं उनकी जांच करने के लिये सरकार तैयार है ?

डा० सुशीला नायर : श्रीमन्, कोई भी ऐसी घटना हमें माननीय सदस्य बतायेंगे, उसकी जानकारी देंगे, तो जरूर हम उसकी छानबीन करेंगे। हो सकता है कि कोई गलत काम किसी ने किसी जगह पर किया हो लेकिन हमारी तरफ से यह स्पष्ट निर्देश है कि जिसको कम से कम दो या तीन बच्चे हुए हैं, जिसमें पति पत्नी दोनों की लिखित स्वीकृति प्राप्त हुई है, उन्हीं का स्टेरेलाइजेशन किया जा सकता है और यह भी स्पष्ट है कि वे रिप्रोडक्टिव एज-ग्रुप के होने चाहियें, बूढ़े और बच्चे नहीं होने चाहियें।

SHRI K. DAMODARAN : If the function of the separate department is to continue the old work and make its implementation effective does it imply that the work has been so far ineffective ?

DR. SUSHILA NAYAR : No, Sir. The work has been very effective. The only idea of having a separate department is to give in the eyes of all concerned the emphasis which the Government wants to attach to this programme.

SHRIMATI SHAKUNTALA PARANJPYE : I want to pursue the question I asked a little while ago, and that is whether the medical personnel which are appointed to this family planning department is to do only family planning work or can they do some other work, or if the medical personnel of other departments such as T.B., leprosy, etc. are also given any orientation to propagate and to advocate family planning to the people who come to them ?

DR. SUSHILA NAYAR : Sir, effort is being made to have two basic health workers per 10,000 of the population, one male and one female, who are to

be family-planning-oriented and they are to carry on the motivation for family planning along with all other responsibilities that may be entrusted to them. Apart from that, so far as leprosy and tuberculosis workers are concerned, they are already being given the necessary orientation so that they can emphasise the family planning aspect for the sick people.

श्री विमलकुमार मन्नालालजः चौरङ्गिया : श्रीमान्, क्या सरकार को यह ज्ञात है कि ग्रामीण क्षेत्र में जब फसल की कटाई, बुआई और ऐसे काम आते हैं तब उनको मजदूरों की बहुत कमी पड़ती है और इस चीज़ को ध्यान में रख कर के ग्रामीण क्षेत्र के लोग फेमिली प्लानिंग के आपरेशंस करवाने की ओर आकर्षित नहीं होते हैं, अगर यह आसपेक्ट ध्यान में आया है तो इसके हल के लिये क्या सोच रहे हैं ?

डा० सुशिला नायर : श्रीमान्, सवाल मेरी समझ में नहीं आया। ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में अपनी फसल का वक्त देख कर जो उनके लिये मुनासिब वक्त हो तब आपरेशन के लिये आ सकते हैं।

श्री सभापति : नहीं, आपका ख्याल है कि 15 साल के बाद जो मदद कर सकेगा बाप की उसके पैदा होने में जो हायल होते हैं। They need labour. Therefore, this scheme will not be successful.

डा० सुशिला नायर : श्रीमान्, माननीय सदस्य जानते हैं कि आज तो हमारे देहातों में जमीन कम है और जमीन पर काम करने वाले ज्यादा हैं। अगर कुछ कम लड़के होंगे तो जमीन के टुकड़े थोड़े बड़े होंगे, बहुत छोटे नहीं होंगे, इतना फर्क तो होगा।

SHRI M. RUTHNASWAMY : May I know, Sir, if the new title conferred upon the Minister has served to increase the results of family planning or is it too early to judge ?

DR. SUSHILA NAYAR : Sir, it is for the hon'ble Member to judge. So far as the Minister is concerned, the Minister has been functioning all along with the maximum efforts.

DR. M. M. S. SIDDHU : Sir, the family planning work is to be co-ordinated with the health centres which are situated all over the rural areas. Now, having a separate department, at the Directorate level one can understand, but below it when the persons are drawing pay from the Family Planning Department and working somewhere else—it has been known that the emoluments are drawn from the Family Planning section of the Budget and the work is being done purely as a medical one, due to shortage, especially of lady doctors, and at many places the health centres have not been constructed or the houses or residential accommodation is not available...

MR. CHAIRMAN : I am waiting for the question, Dr. Siddhu.

DR. M. M. S. SIDDHU : ... in that case, how far will this department alone be able to help the family planning work when the field workers will work as it is ?

DR. SUSHILA NAYAR : I have not been able to follow what the objection of the hon'ble Member is. I may say this that instances have come to our attention where some over-zealous officers have made the field workers concentrate all their attention on family planning to the detriment of the general health work rather than *vice versa*. And may I say, Sir, that we are doing everything possible to see that the proper balance is maintained and neither the family planning work nor does the general health work suffers.

SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA : May I know whether she proposed to appoint an advisory committee for family planning purposes and, if so, would she consider the appointment as members of Dr. Anup Singh, who gave some very practical suggestions about family planning yesterday and Shri Vajpayee who has a fund of information about family planning ?

MR. CHAIRMAN : You need not reply. In view of what Mr. Vajpayee said we all seem to be involved, even the very old people. I would, therefore, pass on to the next question.