

RAJYA SABHA

Thursday, the 9th December, 1965/the
18th Agrayayana, 1887 (Saka)

The House met at eleven of the clock,
Mr. Chairman in the Chair.

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

*717. [The questioner (SHRI ABDUL GHANI) was absent. For answer, vide cols. 4402-03 infra.]

एक्स-रे प्लेटों का आयात

*718. श्री भगवत नारायण भार्गव :
क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बनाने की कृपा
करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने विदेशों से एक्स-रे
प्लेटों के आयात पर कोई प्रतिबन्ध लगाये
हैं; यदि हाँ, तो उसका व्योरा क्या है और ये
प्रतिबन्ध किन कारणों से लगाये गये हैं; और

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि उपरोक्त
भाग (क) में उल्लिखित प्रतिबन्धों के
फलस्वरूप एक्स-रे प्लेट अब चोर-बाज़ार में
ऊँची कीमतों पर बेचे जा रहे हैं जिससे
डाक्टरों में रोष व्याप्त हो गया है ?

†[IMPORT OF X-RAY PLATES

*718. SHRI B. N. BHARGAVA:
Will the Minister of COMMERCE be
pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have imposed
any restrictions on the import of X-ray
plates from abroad, if so, what are the
details thereof and for what reasons the
same have been imposed; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that as a
result of the restrictions referred to in part
(a) above, X-ray plates are now being sold
in black market at a high cost which has
caused resentment among the doctors ?]

†[] English translation.

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THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE
(SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH): (a) In view
of the extremely difficult foreign exchange
position, the quota of established importers
has, no doubt, been reduced to 50 per cent
during the current period as compared to
75 per cent during the last period, but the
quantum of imports will not be affected
materially as the cut has been offset by
additional imports from Rupee area.

(b) No, Sir.

‡[वाणिज्य मंत्री (श्री मनुभाई शाह) :
(क) विदेशी विनिमय की अत्यन्त कठिन
स्थिति को देखते हुए, निश्चय ही,
पुराने आयातकों का कोटा वर्तमान अवधि
में घटा कर 50 प्रतिशत कर दिया गया है,
जब कि पिछली अवधि में यह 75 प्रतिशत
रहा था, परन्तु आयात परिमाण में कोई
कमी नहीं होगी क्योंकि रुपया क्षेत्र से होने
वाले अतिरिक्त आयात के कारण यह कमी
पूरी हो जायेगी।

(ख) जी नहीं।]

श्री भगवत नारायण भार्गव : दिल्ली के
सरकारी अस्पतालों में और दूसरे बड़े-बड़े
शहरों के सरकारी अस्पतालों में एक्स-रे प्लेट
न मिलने के कारण फोटो की बजाय स्क्रीनिंग से
काम हो रहा है और वे अगर प्लेट लाना भी
चाहें तो बहुत कम हालात में ला पाते हैं।
ऐसी अवस्था में डाक्टरों में और रोगियों में
भी बड़ा अमंताप फैल रहा है प्राइवेट डाक्टरों
को तो प्लेट्स देने दाम देने पर भी नहीं मिलते
हैं। तो इस अवस्था को दूर करने के लिये क्या
सरकार कोई उपाय मोच रही है ?

श्री मनुभाई शाह : हैलथ मिनिस्ट्री इस
मामले को अच्छी तरह से देख रही है और
डाइरेक्टर जनरल आफ हैलथ सर्विसेज को
पूरी सत्ता दे दी गई है कि जितना स्टॉक

†[] Hindi translation.

हिन्दुस्तान में एक्स-रे फिल्म का है, वह किसी भी प्राइवेट या पब्लिक हास्पिटल को जरूरत पड़ने पर फौरन अलाट कर सकते हैं और हमने भी उन्हें पूरा विश्वास दिलाया है कि जहाँ उन्हें ज्यादा मात्रा में चाहिये तो हम ला देंगे।

श्री भगवत नारायण भागवत : जो प्रतिबंध सरकार ने लगाए हैं, क्या उनको कुछ समय बाद दूर करने का विचार है ?

श्री मनुभाई शाह : जो नहीं।

SHRI BABUBHAI M. CHINAI: In view of the fact that we have to depend upon the import of X-ray plates, has the Government any plan to manufacture X-ray plates in this country and, if so, what is that plan ?

SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH : The Ootacamund plant which has been established with the French collaboration has also got collaboration for X-ray films but it is a very highly changing technology of most modern order. So, I am afraid that the modern X-ray films which are of an extremely sensitive character may take many years to be wholly made in this country.

SHRI M. M. DHARIA: Is it a fact that cosmetics and lipsticks were allowed to be imported to the tune of Rs. 2 crores last year and, if so, why are the X-ray plates not being imported ?

SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH: Never allowed. It is wrong.

SHRI S. SUPAKAR: May I know if the Ministry of Commerce has any say in the equitable distribution of X-ray plates in the different States of India ?

SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH: The Ministry has full say and more than that the Health Ministry is the overlord. They decide which State requires what—in consultation with the Director-General of Health Services of the State concerned. I would, Sir, request all the hon. Members that since this is a very vital human sub-

ject if anybody finds any shortage of X-ray films, I will be personally grateful to him if he passes on that information to me.

SOVIET COLLABORATION WITH N.C.D.C.

***719. SHRI BABUBHAI M. CHINAI :** Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a delegation from the U.S.S.R. arrived recently in India to discuss Soviet collaboration with National Coal Development Corporation; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The delegation's report has not yet been received.

DEPOSIT OF MONEY IN CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA BY RUBBER BOARD

***720. SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA:** Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Rubber Board has been keeping a large portion of its money in the Central Bank of India for the past several years;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Finance Ministry have given clear instructions that Government money is to be kept only in the State Bank of India or in any of its subsidiary Banks or in the Treasury; and

(c) if replies to parts (a) and (b) are in the affirmative, what were the reasons for the Rubber Board to violate the instructions of the Finance Ministry ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH): (a) to (c) The Rubber Board does not keep with any private bank the moneys released to it from the Consolidated Fund of India out of the cess collections. It has, however, been permitted, as a temporary measure to keep in