

SHRI P. K. KUMARAN: The Minister said there were no subsidised exports at all in this country. May I know under what conditions sugar is being exported?

SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH: That is a subsidy approved by Parliament. We only extend import entitlements and some cash rebate on account of duty and on other accounts to the exporters in order to enable them to develop exports. It is not called 'subsidy' in international parlance.

SHRI A. D. MANI: What are the publicity arrangements which the Government of India has in Czechoslovakia for publicising the Indian consumer goods? Mr. Horn seems to have said in Madras that there was hardly any publicity worth its name for the Indian goods in Czechoslovakia.

SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH: Sir, words do not speak; it is the deeds that speak. We have increased our export trade by more than Rs. 20 crores, from Rs. 6 crores to Rs. 26 crores. I know it is a tremendous increase. I therefore cannot understand what is expected of the Ministry of International Trade. The consumer goods are about 60 per cent. of the total exports.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Next question.

EXPERIMENT ON CANCER CURE

*262. **SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN:** Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a well known physician of Bombay has successfully experimented to cure cancer victims with the powdered seeds of the marking nut; and

(b) if so, how many days are required to get cured?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH (DR. D. S. RAJU): (a) and (b) A physician of Bombay has carried out some trials with the seeds of a tree known as

"Semicarpus Anacardium" on Cancer patients. The physician himself did not claim any cure but could only afford some temporary relief and extension of life to some of the advanced cases taken up by him. A couple of cases that did not receive any other treatment before when treated with this drug are reported to have shown marked improvement. Preliminary experimental work on animals at the Indian Cancer Research Centre with this product has not yet yielded any satisfactory results. It is too early to arrive at any final conclusion in the matter.

SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: May I know if the Bombay Doctor approached the Medical Council or the Government after the trials and experiment, that he carried out?

DR. D. S. RAJU: Yes, Sir; he must have obtained permission.

SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: May I know on how many patients he tried this medicine?

DR. D. S. RAJU: He tried it on 50 cases of cancer.

SHRI N. SRI RAMA REDDY: May I know if the attention of the hon. Minister has been drawn to a recent article published by that famous scientist, Mr. J. B. S. Haldane, with regard to the cure that he suggests for cancer? It appeared only last week.

DR. D. S. RAJU: Sir, so many articles appear in so many issues and we do not take notice of everything appearing there.

SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: Sir, these powder seeds of the marking nut are available practically in every village of India. May I know if the Government has ensured that the medicine would be tried elsewhere in Government hospitals?

DR. D. S. RAJU: Sir, first of all, this is in an experimental stage. We

cannot say anything at the moment. It has still got to be tried. To complete research they must try on animals also. Then only can a final decision be taken.

SHRI AKBAR ALI KHAN: As this disease has no remedy in allopathy, will the Ministry give every help to this Doctor to make research and experiments, so that some good results may come out of it?

DR. D. S. RAJU: Sir, the presumption of the hon. Member is not correct. There are some remedies in modern medicine also. Research is being conducted in so many spheres.

DR. M. M. S. SIDDHU: May I know whether experiments on animals were carried out to find out toxicity and other things before human beings were put to experiment?

DR. D. S. RAJU: No, Sir. That is also being conducted simultaneously. Experiments on animals are also being conducted. So far no toxic effects have been noticed. This drug is being used for the last so many centuries. It is not a new thing.

SHRI SANTOKH SINGH: May I know the chemical name of the curing content of the marking nut?

DR. D. S. RAJU: That has not been isolated yet.

SHRI A. D. MANI: Has the Government asked the All-India Medical Institute to conduct research in the curative properties of these seeds, since this experiment has been conducted in Bombay?

DR. D. S. RAJU: Yes, they are well aware of it. Research is being carried on concurrently.

SHRI ARJUN ARORA: May I know if the Health Minister made a statement at a public function in Delhi last week that the cheaper and surer cure of cancer is through Ayurvedic

medicines and, if so, whether the Government has decided to actively encourage Ayurvedic treatment of cancer?

DR. D. S. RAJU: Yes, Sir. We are doing our best to encourage Ayurvedic treatment as well as research for cancer.

SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: May I know if it is a fact that one herb has been found in the Himalayan regions out of which a drug is prepared by Sandoz of Bombay, which has proved very effective for cancer tumour? If that is so, is the Government going to help that company? It has also been said that this company has taken on lease some four thousand acres of land in the Himalayan region to cultivate this herb. Is that a fact?

DR. D. S. RAJU: I cannot give the details but we heard something about it.

SHRIMATI SHAKUNTALA PARANJPYE: I would like to know what particular kind of cancer we are talking about, because I do not think cancer is one thing; cancer is several things.

DR. D. S. RAJU: This type of cancer is cancer of the gastro-intestinal tract, mouth, throat and all that.

पूर्वी पाकिस्तान से ईसाइयों का भारत में आना

*२६३. श्री भगवत नारायण भार्गव : क्या पुनर्वास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि पूर्वी पाकिस्तान से ईसाइयों के भारी संख्या में भारत में आने की प्रतिक्रियास्वरूप क्या सरकार को किन्हीं विदेशी सरकारों से कोई पत्र प्राप्त हुए हैं और यदि हां, तो किन-किन विदेशी सरकारों से प्राप्त हुए हैं ?