

SHRI MORARJI R. DESAI: It is difficult. The attempt is to see that gold is not brought into India. I am not going to import gold in order to give gold to anybody. If the refineries are able to give any gold, they will give it and those arrangements are being made. The attempt is to see that crores worth of gold is not brought in and if that is to be done, then surely it is not expected that the Government is going to import gold and sell it.

MR. CHAIRMAN: He wanted to know if measures are being taken to supply 14-carat gold.

SHRI MORARJI R. DESAI: That is what is being done. The refineries will be able to sell only that and will not be able to do anything else.

AMERICAN ASSISTANCE FOR RESEARCH IN DEAFNESS

*200. SHRI A. D. MANI: Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Dr. Kapoor of the Christian Medical College and Hospital, Vellore, has been given assistance by the National Institute of Health, Washington, at Johns Hopkins Medical School to undertake a research into the causes of deafness; and

(b) if so, what is the nature of the financial assistance which the American Universities are extending to this project?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH (DR. D. S. RAJU) : (a) and (b) The Government have no information to this effect. Enquiry has however been made from the Government of Madras and the information will be placed on the Table of the Sabha in due course.

SHRI A. D. MANI: I would like to know what procedure generally these institutions follow in making applications for foreign assistance. Are all these applications made by the hospi-

tals and institutions themselves or through the Government of India, because I am surprised that the Government has no information on this subject?

• DR. SUSHILA NAYAR: The Vellore Medical College that the hon. Member referred to, as its name implies, is a Mission Institution and as such, they have some contacts with outside Missionaries and they get certain kind of assistance from other countries but when assistance is to be obtained from international agencies, then it goes through the Government of India and before it is finalised, it has to go through the Economic Affairs Ministry.

SHRI A. D. MANI: May I know whether the All India Institute of Medical Sciences has undertaken any research into deafness? I am putting this question because there need not be duplication of effort.

DR. SUSHILA NAYAR: There can be no question of duplication. Research can be carried on by as many institutions as necessary because it is not everyone who arrives at a successful conclusion as a result of research and it would be a very wrong policy to restrict research workers in any way.

SHRI FARIDUL HAQ ANSARI: May I know whether the Government of India has sent any research scholars to do research in the modern methods of removing deafness in America and, if so, with what result? How many students have been sent?

DR. SUSHILA NAYAR: I cannot say how many but there are people who go out for higher studies in the diseases of the ear and that includes deafness also.

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