

RAJYA SABHA

*Wednesday, the 22nd August, 1½/2/the 31st
Sravana, 1884 (Saka)*

The House met at eleven of the clock, MR. CHAIRMAN in the Chair.

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

HOMOEOPATHIC COLLEGE AND HOSPITAL PROPOSED IN DEFENCE COLONY

♦518. SHRI S. C. DEB: Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Homoeopathic College and Hospital is going to be built in the Defence Colony in Delhi; and

(b) if so, who are the sponsors of the institutions and whether it is going to be recognised by Government?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH (DR. D. S. RAJU) :
(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The sponsors of the Institute are Dr. Yudhvir Singh Homoeopathic Charitable Trust, Delhi. The question of recognition will be considered as and when an application is received.

SHRI S. C. DEB: What will be the course that will be taught in this college and which would be the selection authority?

DR. D. S. RAJU: We have no information about these things. We have only read about it in the newspapers, but no communication has been received from the body.

SHRI SATYACHARAN:: May I know whether the graduates of this Homoeopathic College will be assigned the same status as has been given to the graduates of the Allopathic colleges?

DR. D. S. RAJU: We have no information. We only read about it in the papers. A Governing Body is there but they have not sent us any communication so far on the subject.

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SHRI S. C. DEB: What would be the educational qualifications required for entry into that College?

DR. D. S. RAJU: We have no information at all.

SHRI K. SANTHANAM: What is the policy of Government regarding Homoeopathy, Ayurveda and other indigenous systems?

DR. D. S. RAJU: The policy of the Government is to encourage the scientific and research aspects.

SHRI LOKANATH MISRA: May I know whether any statistics have been collected about the number of patients who depend entirely on homoeopathy in the country?

DR. D. S. RAJU: It is a very big question. So far as Delhi is concerned, there are about twenty-five Homoeopathic dispensaries which are receiving attention.

SHRI LOKANATH MISRA: Do Government propose to collect any statistics?

DR. D. S. RAJU: There is no such proposal before Government.

SHRI A. D. MANI: Does the Government have any machinery to test the qualifications of homoeopathic institutions? The Minister said that the question of recognition will be considered when an application is received. Will there be an inspection of this College? Will there be an assessment of this College? What is the machinery that the Government have got?

DR. D. S. RAJU: We have got a Homoeopathic Adviser to the Government, Shri Saksena, and we take his advice in this matter.

SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: On what basis has Government replied to this question? It is said that Government has not received any representation from them, but is only replying to the question on the basis of newspaper reports. Is that correct?

DR. D. S. RAJU: Yes, that is correct. If we receive any representation from them, we will see as to what reply should be given to them.

"■519. {The questioner (Shri A. B. Vajpayee) was absent. For answer, vide cols. 2751—2753 infra.]

EARLY MORNING POSTAL DELIVERY

*520. SHRI M. RUTHNASWAMY: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state whether the practice, which prevails in the Mylapore (Madras City) Delivery Post Office, of dispensing with the early morning postal delivery when a postman is absent, is an all-India practice?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI B. BHAGAVATI) : No, Sir. This is not the general practice, not even in Mylapore Sub-Post Office. It was only on a few occasions owing to heavy absenteeism that the early morning delivery could not be effected in that office in one beat only.

SHRI M. RUTHNASWAMY: In the Mylapore Post Office, this is a regular occurrence. It was so twice or thrice in a month the morning delivery was cut and when I asked the postman he told me that this was due to the absence on leave of some particular postman. Why is this particular Post Office suffering under this disability?

SHRI B. BHAGAVATI: This contingency arose only on four occasions, thrice in a week and once in another week.

SHRI M. RUTHNASWAMY: Only four times in one year?

SHRI B. BHAGAVATI: During some months. This is not a general thing but only under very exceptional circumstances those deliveries were combined.

SHRI M. RUTHNASWAMY: I have been living in the area covered by

this post office for the past five years and this has been a frequent occurrence, failure of the morning delivery and the reason invariably given by the postman is that some postman is absent. May I ask the Department to enquire and to find out why there is this kind of occurrence?

SHRI B. BHAGAVATI: The Post Master General, Madras, is taking necessary steps to avoid any such recurrence.

SHRI M. RUTHNASWAMY: Thank you, Sir.

SHRI R. S. KHANDEKAR: Is the Government aware that in many of the post offices, the morning mail is delivered as late as 2 P.M.?

SHRI B. BHAGAVATI: No Sir, we are not aware of that.

WORKING GROUPS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF CO-OPERATIVE SECTOR

*521. SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, PANCHAYATI RAJ AND CO-OPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any decision has so far been taken to appoint working groups for suggesting steps for extension of the Co-operative sector in the spheres of transport, housing, village and small industries, dairying and fisheries; and

(b) if so, how many working groups are to be appointed and what would be the composition of each of them?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, PANCHAYATI RAJ AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI S. D. MISRA): (a) and (b). Government have decided to set up six working groups for the following subjects: —

- (i) Industrial co-operatives;
- (ii) Housing co-operatives;
- (iii) Transport co-operatives;
- (iv) Dairy and animal husbandry co-operatives;