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Oral Answers

SHRIMATI TARKESHWARI SINHA: I did not catch the question, Sir.

SHRI M, P. BHARGAVA: Since this matter of civil expenditure was raised in Parliament, may I know from the hon. Minister whether it is proposed to take the House into confidence and place a note about the achievements of the Special Reorganisation Unit on the Table of the House?

SHRIMATI TARKESHWARI SINHA: I have said, Sir, that the total saving that has accrued is Rs. 48 lakhs, but, as I said, this cannot be judged sheer number or by saving of a few lakhs of rupees which has accrued. It is the way and the method by which the Special Reorganisation Unit specialises that matters. It adopts those ways and methods by which the administrative machinery improves performance. This Unit has doing this work in various Ministries and it has covered most of the Ministries of the Government. It has also extended its activities to various State Governments. It is very difficult give all that detail in the Question Hour but if the hon. Member is interested, I can give him details of saving which has accrued in the year 1961-62

SHRI M. RUTHNASWAMY: Will the reports of these units be published and circulated to Members of Parliament?

SHRIMATI TARKESHWARI SINHA: This is an internal examination of the working of the Ministries. It is not possible for all the reports to be submitted to the House, It will be embarrassing to the Ministries.

SHRI M. RUTHNASWAMY: Unless Parliament knows how these reports are being put into effect, how can there be any confidence inthese units?

SHRIMATI TARKESHWARI SINHA: The Special Reorganisation Unit, as I said in my answer, examines the working of the various Ministries and sees where there is over-staffing and where more expenditure is incurred for less work. It goes on doing that: it is a continuous process. It is difficult for any Ministry to publish any specific features about this examination because it might embarrass the working of the Ministries themselves.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: In view of the fact that the hon. Minister promises to supply us various reports when we ask questions but never does so, may I know whether in this particular case she is going to supply the report within some specified time and whether the promise will be kept?

SHRIMATI TARKESHWARI SINHA: The difficulty is the hon. Member never waits for the answer. He gets annoyed, walks out of the House and never comes back in time. It is not my fault. If the hon. Member is interested in any specific problem and if he seeks information about that and if it is not embarrassing to the department, certainly I shall try to give the information.

SHRI MORARJI R. DESAI: year in the Consultative Committee many Members wanted to understand this and I had arranged a meeting of those Members with the person who is at the head of the Special Reorganisation Unit. If Members are interested, I am prepared to do it again this year,

HOSPITAL FOR THE DRUGS RESEARCH INSTITUTE, LUCKNOW

*412. SHRI J. C. CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of Scientific Re-SEARCH AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Drugs Research Institute at Lucknow has successfully discovered many new drugs, and that these drugs cannot be experimented upon for lack of hospital facilities; and

(b) if so, whether a hospital will be attached to this Institute for facilitating experimentation of these drugs?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS (SHRI HUMAYUN KABIR):

(a) A number of chemical compounds isolated from indigenous drugs or synthesised have shown promise on laboratory scale. Clinical trials have not been possible for want of adequate organisation of facilities in hospitals.

(b) A proposal for setting up a 100 bed hospital where clinical trials could be carried out is under consideration.

SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: May I know whether any facilities are given to this Institute at present for experimenting on what they achieve?

Shri HUMAYUN KABIR: As I have said, the facilities are not adequate. Actually, four hospitals have been co-operating for some time at Lucknow, Jaipur, Bombay and Kanpur and recently two more hospitals in West Bengal and Madras have also agreed to provide necessary facilities.

PANDIT S. S. N. TANKHA: May I know the names of the diseases for which specific medicines have been discovered by this Institute?

Shri HUMAYUN KABIR: I would not say definitely that we have found the answer but there are very promising results in a number of fields, for example, in leucoderma, leprosy, dysentery, tuberculosis and diabetes and also some interesting work has been done with regard to anti-fertility agents for family planning.

Pandit S. S. N. TANKHA: Is the hon, Minister aware that a number of leucoderma cases went up to this Institute but they were not permanently cured by the medicines which had been discovered?

SHRI HUMAYUN KABIR: I stated just now that we cannot give final results but I have seen certain cases where there has been improvement in

leucoderma, and investigations are proceeding.

Shri B. K. P. SINHA: May I know if Government is in a position to assure the House that when experiments are carried on in the hospitals, it will be under the control of highly qualified doctors and that due precautions will be taken as otherwise much harm will be done to the patients?

SHRI HUMAYUN KABIR: It is obvious that they must be under controlled conditions.

SHRI P. N. SAPRU: Is the hon. Minister aware that there is general dissatisfaction with the working of this Drugs Institute in Lucknow and Uttar Pradesh generally?

Shri HUMAYUN KABIR: I am not aware of that; on the contrary, I have seen some very commendatory reports both in journals in India and outside.

NEWSPAPER REPORT REGARDING DEFENCE MINISTER'S VIEWS ON NEW CHINESE INCURSION INTO LADAKH

*413. SHRI FARIDUL HAQ ANSARI: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) whether he has read a report published in the Times of India, dated the 21st April, 1962, that "the Defence Minister declared in Madras yesterday that the new Chinese incursion into Ladakh did not create any new situation"; and
- (b) if so, whether the report was correct?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI V. K. KRISHNA MENON): (a) Yes, Sir. I have seen a press report purporting to convey this meaning.

(b) No, Sir.

DEPUTATION OF LANDLESS PEOPLE OF GARHWAL TO HOME MINISTER

*414. Shri FARIDUL HAQ ANSARI: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state whether a deputation of landless people of Garhwal