

STATUS OF DOCTOR-IN-CHARGE OF CASUALTIES AND EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS OF HOSPITALS IN DELHI

*99. SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) what is the status of doctor in charge of Casualties and Emergency Departments of the various hospitals at Delhi at present;

(to) whether Government propose to place more qualified and experienced doctors in charge of these departments; and

(c) if the reply to part (b) above be in the affirmative, what steps are being taken in this connection?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH (DR. SUSHILA NAYAR): (a) The status of the doctor in-charge of Casualties and Emergency Departments in Government Hospitals in Delhi is:—

Assistant Surgeon, Grade I at the Willingdon Hospital; Registrar at the Safdarjang Hospital; and Casualty Medical Officer at the Irwin Hospital.

(b) There is no such proposal at present

(c) Does not arise.

SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: May I know whether the Government would consider the desirability of appointing qualified surgeons to these posts in view of the quick decisions which they have to take in such cases?

DR. SUSHILA NAYAR: Sir, the Government is contemplating the appointment of a committee to review the situation and make suitable recommendations for the improvement of the casualty and emergency services in the different hospitals.

SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: May I ask by what time this committee is likely to be appointed?

DR. SUSHILA NAYAR: Sir, the preliminaries have been set in motion and I think it will be appointed before long.

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SHRI N. SRI RAMA REDDY: May I know, Sir, if the Assistant Surgeons now in charge of these departments are not qualified enough to do the job?

DR. SUSHILA NAYAR: As I said, at the Willingdon Hospital and some of the other hospitals under the Government of India, they have a minimum qualification of two years' training before they take up casualty work. In the Irwin Hospital, because of the excess of the work-load, Assistant Casualty officers are also there and they are sometimes House Surgeons with much less experience.

SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: May I know whether any cases have come to the notice of the Government where operations were delayed because of want of experience of the officers who were in charge of the casualty department at that time?

DR. SUSHILA NAYAR: Yes, Sir.

SHRI A. D. MANI: Is it not within the power of the Government to insist that Assistant Surgeons should have at least 10 years' experience before they are put in charge of casualty wards?

DR. SUSHILA NAYAR: The hon. Member knows our difficulties in having sufficient trained personnel to man the services in the country. Therefore, a condition like that, I think, will be difficult to be fulfilled.

SHRI NIRANJAN SINGH: May I know whether efficient service is not there because the doctors are not efficient or is it that they are negligent in their duties?

DR. SUSHILA NAYAR: Well, Sir, I have already stated that these services are not hundred per cent, satisfactory today and because of that it has been found necessary to review the position. But I am not aware of any deliberate neglect.

SHRI NIRANJAN SINGH: You were the worst sufferer and your own brother was not properly cared for.

DR. SUSHILA NAYAK: Sir, I do not wish to answer personal questions.

DR. SHRIMATI SEETA PARMANAND: What is the usual practice in all the big cities and what is the status of similar officers in the hospitals in those cities?

DR. SUSHILA NAYAK: I do not have the exact information about the status of such officers in other big cities; but I do know this, that there is room for improvement in this service in most big cities.

JABALPUR-BHOPAL-BIAORA ROAD

*100. SHRI DAYALDAS KURRE: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the answer given to Starred Question No. 378 in the House on the 14th December, 1961 and state the present position in regard to the "Jabalpur-Bhopal-Biaora Road" which has been taken up under the National Highways system?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM): The alignment of the road has since been finalised as: —

Jabalpur-fSthahpura-Balkhera-Ten-
dukhera-Deori-Udaipura-Bare-li-
Bari-O'baidullaganj.Bhopal-
Shampur-Narsingarh-Biaora.

The question as to which works can be taken up priority-wise during the current plan is still under examination in consultation with the State Government.

SHRI DAYALDAS KURRE: May I know whether the State Government and the Central Ministry have between them finalised the alignment of this road?

SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM: Well, it has been.

SHRI DAYALDAS KURRE: May I know when the actual work will be taken up on this road?

SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM: I have already given this information in the last portion of the reply.

SHRI NIRANJAN SINGH: May I know whether there was controversy over the alignment of this road, between the Central Government and the State Government, one party thinking of diverting it to the north while the other party was thinking of diverting it to the south? One party was for taking the road to Shahpura and Bal-khera and the other wanted to be Bhopal-Biaora alignment. May I know which alignment has been finalised?

SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM: I have already given the alignment and I presume the hon. Member knows those places, and he ought to because he comes from this area and so he knows which is the alignment that has been finally agreed to.

श्री विमलकुमार मन्नालालजी चौरडिया:

प्रश्न यह था कि दो बातों का झगड़ा चल रहा था और श्रीमान को यह जानकारी नहीं है कि दोनों में से कौन सी निर्णीत हो चुकी है। केन्द्रीय सरकार यहां पर विद्यमान है और उससे प्रार्थना है कि वह बतलाने की कृपा करे कि उन दोनों मार्गों में से कौन से मार्ग का अलाइनमेंट निर्णीत किया गया है ?

श्री जगजीवन राम : कौन से मार्ग का अलाइनमेंट निर्णीत किया गया है, वह बता दिया गया है। अब आनरेबल मेम्बर किसी नक्शे पर देख कर तसल्ली कर सकते हैं कि वह कौन सा है।

BARUREWA BRIDGE ON THE 26TH NATIONAL HIGHWAY

♦101. SHRI NIRANJAN SINGH: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) in which year the Barurewa bridge on the 26th National Highway between Kareli and Narsinghpur was completed: