

CENTRAL GRANT TO GUJARAT BHARAT SEWAK SAMAJ FOR EXPERIMENTS ON HUMAN URINE THERAPY

*287. SHRI DAHYABHAI V. PATEL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any special grant is paid by Government to the Gujarat Bharat Sewak Samaj for experiments on the human urine therapy conducted by Shri Raajibhai Patel, the President of the Samaj; and

(b) if so, whether it is given out of the *ad hoc* general grant which is paid to the Samaj?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

SHRI DAHYABHAI V. PATEL: Is the hon. Minister aware that the President of the Bharat Sewak Samaj, Gujarat Branch, has written a book on this subject in which he actively propagates the drinking of urine as an all-cure for all diseases?

SHRI B. R. BHAGAT: He is entitled to do so.

SHRI DAHYABHAI V. PATEL: Has not the Minister heard of this book? Has he not seen this book?

SHRI B. R. BHAGAT: He has written many books, but I have not seen this book.

SHRI DAHYABHAI V. PATEL: Is it a fact that a large number of Congressmen and many Ministers of Gujarat are following his advice?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order, order.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: The hon. Minister said that he is entitled to do so but he is an important functionary of the Bharat Sewak Samaj which is aided financially by the Government. May I know, Sir, whether before making donations or contributions to that

Samaj the Government of India make sure that such kind of things are not preached by any functionary of the Bharat Sewak Samaj even if some Ministers may feel like taking that medicine?

SHRI MORARJI R. DESAI: May I say a word? The Government of India is not directly connected with the Bharat Sewak Samaj. I do not see why anybody should be prohibited or prevented from preaching what he thinks is proper.

DR. H. N. KUNZRU: Is it not a fact that the Government of India is partial to the Bharat Sewak Samaj and that the whole of India looks upon the Bharat Sewak Samaj as an official organisation patronised by the Prime Minister and Shri Gulzarilal Nanda?

SHRI MORARJI R. DESAI: Sir, that does not mean that the Bharat Sewak Samaj is Government.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: Everybody knows that.

DR. H. N. KUNZRU: It receives substantial amounts of money as grant, much more than other useful institutions do.

SHRI MORARJI R. DESAI: Government has given grants to many institutions including that of the hon. Member.

DR. H. N. KUNZRU: They are stingy in giving grants to other institutions while they give liberally to the Bharat Sewak Samaj.

SHRI MORARJI R. DESAI: What is liberal is a matter of opinion.

DR. H. N. KUNZRU: Yes, and the opinion of Government in this matter is final unfortunately.

SHRI MORARJI R. DESAI: Whose else can it be?