

(d) Any hospital which has a radiocobalt therapy unit uses radio-isotopes for medical purposes. In addition eleven hospitals use radio-isotopes regularly, and another five occasionally.

SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: May I know the reasons for the delay in Zerlina going into operation?

SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON: It is still under construction. Till it is finished, it cannot go into operation.

SHRIMATI T. NALLAMUTHU RAMAMURTI: May I know the list of hospitals in which radio-isotopes are used?

SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON: Radio-isotopes are regularly used in the following institutions—

1. The All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi.
2. The Cancer Institute, Madras.
3. The Central Drug Research Institute, Lucknow.
4. The Chittaranjan Cancer Hospital, Calcutta.
5. The Christian Medical College and Hospital, Vellore.
6. The Defence Science Laboratory, Delhi.
7. The Indian Cancer Research Centre, Bombay.
8. The J. J. Hospital, Bombay.
9. The K. E. M. Hospital, Bombay.
10. The Safdarjung Hospital, Delhi.
11. The Tata Memorial Hospital, Bombay.

The following institutions make occasional use of radio-isotopes for medical purposes:—

1. The Breach Candy Hospital, Bombay.
2. The Christian Medical College, Ludhiana.
3. The Northcote Nursing Home, Bombay.

4. The V. J. Hospital, Amritsar.

5. The Virus Research Institute, Poona.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Satisfied?

SHRI ROHIT M. DAVE: It is said that certain structural defects in the working of this reactor have been noticed and that it is creating some trouble. Is there any truth in that report?

SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON: I do not know, Sir. There is nothing that I know of.

SHRIMATI T. NALLAMUTHU RAMAMURTI: Do I understand that it is the Cancer Institute, Adyar, Madras that is given Radio-isotopes? It is run by the Indian Women's Association.

SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON: Yes.

FOOD DROPPING OPERATIONS IN NEFA

*663. SHRI P. N. RAJABHOJ: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the food dropping operations in the North-East Frontier Agency have been entrusted to a private firm since July 1, 1960; and

(b) if so, what are reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON): (a) Yes, from 1st May 1960.

(b) The contract was awarded on the basis of the quotation submitted by the private chartered Company in response to the tender notice advertised by the NEFA Administration in the leading newspapers.

श्री पा० ना० राजभोज : क्या सरकार यह बताने की कृपा करेगी कि यह प्राइवेट कम्पनी कितने डैकोटा प्लेन्स से काम चला रही है ?

SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON: I do not know how many planes they are using but the conditions required have been fulfilled.

श्री पा० ना० राजभोज : क्या मन्त्री महोदय यह बतायेंगे कि इण्डियन एयर फोर्स का भी काम इस प्राइवेट कम्पनी को दिया गया है ?

श्री जवाहरलाल नेहरू : इसलिये कि इण्डियन एयर फोर्स को इस वक्त और भी बहुत सी जगह बहुत ज्यादा काम करना है । उनके पास काफी जहाज नहीं थे, काफी पाइलट्स नहीं थे उनको करने के लिये ।

श्री पा० ना० राजभोज : क्या माननीय प्रधान मन्त्री जी यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि उनके साथ करार के टर्म्स एण्ड कण्डीशन्स क्या हैं और उनको कितना पैसा दिया गया है ?

श्री जवाहरलाल नेहरू : जी नहीं, यह तो प्राइवेट कम्पनी है और इसमें उनका क्या खर्च आता है मैं नहीं जानता, यानी प्राइवेट कम्पनी को कितना पैसा दिया जायगा इसके बारे में मुझे इल्म नहीं है ।

श्री पा० ना० राजभोज : क्या मैं यह जान सकता हूँ कि यह जो कॉन्ट्रैक्ट दिया गया है यह किसी कम्पनी को दिया है या किसी व्यक्ति विशेष को और क्या वह कम्पनी रजिस्टर्ड है ?

SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON: The Kalinga Airlines.

SHRI K. SANTHANAM: May I know whether it is not undesirable to

entrust this work to the private companies?

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: Not necessarily. It all depends on what the private company is. It would normally be undesirable to give it to any foreign companies and it may be undesirable to give it even to private companies in specified and particular areas. There does not seem to be anything objectionable in giving it to well-known Indian companies.

SHRI N. SRI RAMA REDDY: May I know the circumstances leading to the question of dropping food from the air, Sir?

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: The difficulty of sending food by any other means.

SHRI B. K. P. SINHA: May I know whether one of the planes that was forced down recently belonged to this Kalinga Airlines or to the Government of India?

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: No, that was not the Kalinga Airlines. That was an Air Force aircraft.

TREATMENT METED OUT TO A WEST BENGAL MINISTER AT SINGAPORE AIRPORT

*664. **SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA:** Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the reported insulting behaviour towards Shri Tarun Kanti Ghosh, a West Bengal Minister, by the authorities at Singapore airport and if so, what are the details of the incident; and

(b) what action Government have taken in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON): (a) and (b) Yes, on an inquiry Government have been in-