

the physiological side and what you call the physical side of the eye.

SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: Has the hon. Minister got any knowledge whether this technique is quite a new invention or whether it is prevalent in other countries?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: So far as I am able to say offhand, it is something new but I have not tried it myself.

SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: May I know whether the Health Ministry has chalked out any plan to train medical students in this new technique?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: Our medical people are supposed to examine other people's eyes, not their own.

SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: May I know whether the Government have chalked out any scheme to train medical students in this technique or not?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: My hon. friend, if she has read that article, would know it. Of course, she has not read it. The technique briefly is this. Suppose by a particular process of closing the eyes and opening them, you see a curtain through a filter and if that filter is suddenly removed, then one's own retina is visible. Our doctors, as I said, are supposed to see other people's eyes, not their own.

SHRI N. M. LINGAM: May I know if the Government does not see eye to eye with the doctors in this matter?

(No reply.)

SHRI N. SRI RAMA REDDY: May I know whether the Ministry depends upon the the articles published in the "Illustrated Weekly of India" for advice on matters connected with health?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: Yes, Sir. If it is a good thing, we can go to any article.

SHRIMATI T. NALLAMUTHU RAMAMURTI: As many have not read that article, why should you not give an exposition of it for all of us to hear?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: I think the hon. Members might read that article first and if they do not understand it, then I will try.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: The hon. Minister has said that always their experts examine other people's eye. May I know if their experts have examined the jaundiced eyes of the Ministry and the Minister?

MR. CHAIRMAN: You should not speak like that.

CONSUMPTION OF COAL BY THE RAILWAYS DURING 1959-60

*700. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways are using diesel traction more and more with a view to saving coal; and

(b) if so, what was the consumption of coal by railways in the year 1959-60 as compared to that in the year 1958-59?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): (a) No. The main object of dieselisation is to improve the line capacity on sections where saturation has been reached or is expected to be reached with Steam traction and as a prelude to electrification.

(b) The quantity of coal consumed during 1959-60 for loco purposes was 13.47 million tons as against 12.92 million tons during 1958-59.

*701. [The questioners (Shri Babubhai Chinai, Shri K. K. Shah and Shri M. M. Mehta) were absent. For answer vide col. 3842 infra.]