

RAJYA SABHA

Thursday, the 25th August, 1960/the
3rd Bhadra, 1882 (Saka)

The House met at eleven of the
clock, MR. CHAIRMAN in the Chair.

MEMBER SWORN

Shri K. S. Chavda (Gujarat)

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

*441. [The questioner (Shri Bairagi Dwibedy) was absent. For answer, vide cols. 2303—05 infra.]

*442. [The questioner (Shri P. Ramamurti) was absent. For answer, vide cols. 2303—05 infra.]

*443. [The questioner (Shri Maheswar Naik) was absent. For answer, vide col. 2205 infra.]

MR. CHAIRMAN: They do not seem to realise their responsibilities to Parliament.

नाइलोन के वस्त्र इत्यादि के उपयोग से होने वाले चर्म रोग

*४४४. श्री नवाबसिंह चौहान : क्या स्वास्थ्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि नाइलोन के वस्त्र, खड़ के जूते और लिप-स्टिक के उपयोग से चर्म रोग हो जाते हैं और क्या इस सम्बन्ध में इरविन अस्पताल में कोई अनुसंधान किया जा रहा है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो अनुसंधान कार्य कौन कर रहा है ; कितने केसों की जांच की गई है और अब तक का उस का परिणाम क्या है ?

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†[SKIN DISEASES DUE TO THE USE OF
NYLON FABRICS, ETC.]

*444 SHRI NAWAB SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the use of nylon fabrics, rubber shoes and lip-sticks cause skin diseases and whether any research is being conducted in Irwin Hospital in this regard; and

(b) if so, who is conducting the research; how many cases have been examined and what conclusions have been arrived at so far?]

स्वास्थ्य मंत्री (श्री डी० पी० करमरकर):

(क) जी हां ।

(ख) इरविन अस्पताल के अवैतनिक चर्म-चिकित्सक डा० पी० एन० बहल अनुसंधान कार्य कर रहे हैं । ४४ रोगियों की विस्तृत जांच की गई है और यह जांच अभी जारी है ।

†[THE MINISTER OF HEALTH (SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Dr. P. N. Bahl, Honorary Dermatologist, Irwin Hospital, is conducting the research. 44 cases have been studied in detail and the study is still in progress.]

श्री नवाबसिंह चौहान : अब तक की इन स्टडीज का क्या रिजल्ट रहा है ?

श्री डी० पी० करमरकर : अब तक यह मालूम हुआ है कि जो लोग नाइलोन और लिप-स्टिक का उपयोग करते हैं उन में से कुछेक आदमी ही अस्पताल पहुंचे हैं क्योंकि उन को तत्कालीक हुई है स्किन ट्रबल की ।

SHRI N. SRI RAMA REDDY: May I know . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN: I want to know whether you followed the answer.

SHRI N. SRI RAMA REDDY: No, Sir.

†[] English translation.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Then what is the good of questioning?

SHRI N. M. LINGAM: The hon. Minister said that research is being conducted, but to part (a) of the question he has said "yes". Is it a fact that the use of nylon fabrics causes skin diseases? If the hon. Minister is of the view that the use of these nylon and other plastic stuff does cause skin diseases, then what is the research about?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: The research about it is to give a scientific foundation.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Not a mere empirical observation but he wishes to give it a scientific basis.

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: So that we can tell the people positively that they are in danger. Some of those people using these fabrics have come to our hospitals complaining that there is skin trouble. *Prima facie* there seems to be a good case for investigating the subject.

MR. CHAIRMAN: We would like Shrimati Yashoda Reddy to throw some light on the subject.

SHRIMATI YASHODA REDDY: I want to know whether this peculiar skin disease arising out of these fabrics is peculiar to India due to its climatic conditions or it has been the same in other parts of the world also.

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: I think, Sir, subject to correction, it is all over the world.

SHRI N. SRI RAMA REDDY: In view of the fact that there is some doubt expressed about the usefulness or goodness of this lip-stick and other things, will the hon. Minister advise ladies not to use them?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: I shall certainly advise all ladies seeking my advice not to use lip-sticks. About nylons I shall have an open mind.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: May I know if the hon. Minister will also take steps to find out as to what are the particular ingredients in these two items which cause dermatitis, so that the manufacturers may take advantage of that?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Research is under progress.

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: Yes, Sir.

DR. SHRIMATI SEETA PARNAND: The hon. Minister was pleased to say that this complaint due to the use of nylon is prevalent all over the world. Is he aware that nylon stockings have been used in the West for the last twenty years without any obvious detrimental effects on health?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: Those using lip-sticks have been suffering from a lot of complaints resulting from a lot of modernism. I for one would not venture an opinion about nylon. But about the lip-stick the case is clear. I shall have the matter investigated.

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: I would like to know how the hon. Minister has come to the conclusion that the use of these things causes skin diseases when research is still going on.

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: It is my friend's observation and mine too that people who continuously use lip-sticks have always used lip-sticks, because without that their lips are obviously pale and unhealthy.

SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: The hon. Minister gave his opinion about nylon and lip-stick. He did not say anything about rubber shoes.

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: On all these matters I am prepared to be corrected by the greater experience of my hon. friend in respect of rubber shoes.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: May I know if these troubles have arisen as a result of the use of any particular

makes of nylon or lip-stick, or is it the case generally with all makes?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: These are under research.

SHRI FARIDUL HAQ ANSARI: May I know what effect these things have on the skin? What sort of disturbance takes place in the skin?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: It is no use talking about that. That is a matter under study.

SHRI FARIDUL HAQ ANSARI: How long will it take?

MR. CHAIRMAN: It will take some time.

SHRI BABUBHAI CHINAI: In view of the fact that the hon. Health Minister has said that nylon, lip-sticks and rubber shoes are creating skin diseases, and in view of the fact that there are proposals before the Government of India to establish nylon factories and lip-stick factories, is it the desire of the hon. Health Minister that his Ministry will commend their research to the Industry Ministry so that the needful may be done?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: Our present policy, as my hon. friend well knows, is to promote industry subject to health. If the damage done is so great as to be really deleterious to the interests of health of this country, we shall certainly not hesitate to even prohibit an industry.

*445. [For answer, vide cols. 2201-02, infra.]

AIR INDIA INTERNATIONAL OFFICES IN U.S.A.

*446. SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state whether the Air India International Corporation has opened any of its offices in the United States of America and if so, at which places?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI AHMED MOHIUDDIN): Yes, Sir. Air India International has opened three offices in the United States of America at New York, Los Angeles and Chicago.

SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: May I know in what other places the Air India International has opened its office?

SHRI AHMED MOHIUDDIN: So far in the United States there are only these three offices. I do not know whether the hon. Member wants to know about offices all over the world outside India. There are a number of offices outside India.

SHRI BIREN ROY: Has the Air India International any proposal to have a second point of landing in the U.S.A. on the eastern side, that is at San Francisco or Los Angeles, to connect its flights with Tokyo?

SHRI AHMED MOHIUDDIN: The Air India International has always got useful suggestions and profitable routes under constant study.

SHRI BABUBHAI CHINAI: May I know the estimated traffic originating from this office?

SHRI AHMED MOHIUDDIN: We have not got the figures, but the hon. Member knows that our service to New York started only on the 16th of May this year.

SHRI BABUBHAI CHINAI: In any case, the Government must have estimated the proportion of traffic before opening the office.

SHRI AHMED MOHIUDDIN: An estimate was made, and I hope that the estimate will turn out to be correct.

MILK VENDORS GIVEN EMPLOYMENT UNDER DELHI MILK SCHEME

*447. SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state: