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	Delhi	Bombay
Luxury Tour Air- conditioned coach— 1st class Hotel Rooms.	£ 415	£ 450
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The normal time taken by the motor coach from London to Bombay is 45 days. The coach passes through the following countries: —

- (i) France
 - (ii) Italy
 - (iii) Yugoslavia
 - (iv) Bulgaria
 - (v) Turkey (vi)
 - Syria (vii) Iraq
 - (viii) Iran
 - (ix) Pakistan
- (d) No motor coach service is operating from India to London.]

श्री नवाबसिंह चौहान : इस विवरण में बतलाया गया है :

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तो यह "विटर मन्थ" अभी आया है या नहीं आया है, उन्होंने यह सविस्तर शुरू कर दी या नहीं ? इसमें "विटर मन्थ" के क्या माने हैं ?

श्री राज बहादुर : "विटर मन्थ" का मतलब जाड़े का महीना है। सन् १९५८-१९५९ के जाड़ों में अक्टूबर से लेकर फरवरी तक के जो महीने होंगे, उनमें उन्होंने ऐसी सविस्तर रखने का विचार किया है, ऐसा मालम हुआ है।

श्री नवाबसिंह चौहान : शाब्दिक अर्थ मुझे मालूम था। "विटर" अभी चल रहा है और आगे तक चलेगा। आप मेहरबानी कर के यह बतलायें कि क्या उन्होंने अपनी यह यात्रा प्रारम्भ कर दी है ? अगर कर दी है, तो कहां तक पूरी हो चुकी है ?

श्री राज बहादुर : माननीय सदस्य ने पूछा है, विटर मन्थ चल रहा है, या क्या ! विटर मन्थ तो चल रहा है। सविस्तर चल रही है या नहीं चल रही है, इसके बारे में अभी मालूम करना पड़ेगा।

पेनिसिलीन के इंजेक्शनों का असाधारण प्रभाव

२४२५. **श्री नवाबसिंह चौहान :** क्या स्वास्थ्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को विदित है कि गत सितम्बर मास में कानपुर में पेनिसिलीन के इंजेक्शनों से अनेक रोगियों में बेहोशी और लाल, नीला व काला रंग हो जाने के असाधारण लक्षण पाये गये ; यदि हां, तो इसका कारण क्या था ; और

(ख) क्या सरकार ने इस सम्बन्ध में कोई जांच कराई है, या कराने का इरादा रखती है ?

t [ABNORMAL EFFECT OF PENICILLIN INJECTIONS

•425. SHRI NAWAB SINGH CHAU-HAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that in September last several patients at Kanpur were found to have developed abnormal symptom of getting unconscious and changing colour to red, blue and black as a result of penicillin injections; if so, what was the cause thereof; and

(b) whether Government have made or propose to make any investigation in this regard?]

स्वास्थ्य मंत्रों (श्री डॉ० पी० कर्मरकर) : (क) जी हाँ, पेनिसिलीन की ये प्रतिक्रियायें रोगियों द्वारा प्रदर्शित संवेदनशील लक्षणों के फलस्वरूप हुईं।

(ख) इस मामले में उत्तर प्रदेश राज्य के अधिकारियों से पूछताछ की गई और उन से मिले उत्तरों से यह मालूम पड़ता है कि ये प्रतिक्रियायें रोगियों द्वारा प्रदर्शित संवेदनशील लक्षणों के फलस्वरूप हो गई थीं, न कि लगाई गई पेनिसिलीन के नफली होने के कारण।

[[THE MINISTER OF HEALTH (SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR) : (a) Yes. The reactions to penicillin were the result of allergic manifestations exhibited by the patients.

(b) The matter was taken up with the authorities in the Uttar Pradesh State and from the replies received it appears that the reactions were the result of allergic manifestations exhibited by the patients and not due to the spurious nature of the penicillin employed.]

श्री नवाबसिंह चौहान : क्या माननीय मंत्री जी को मालूम है कि एक ही साल के भीतर एक साथ इस तरह की घटनायें

† [English translation.

कानपुर में हुई हैं, तो इसका क्या कारण है और क्या इससे पहले भी एकाच केस ऐसा हो चुका है ?

श्री डॉ० पी० कर्मरकर : पहले कानपुर की खुशनासीबी थी, अब बदनसीबी है।

Sir, he is asking why such things did not happen before. I have given the main reason in the original reply. Kanpur has been lucky before and is now unlucky. The patients developed other reactions.

MR. CHAIRMAN: If it is entirely a matter

श्री नवाबसिंह चौहान : मैं यह अर्ज कर रहा हूँ कि यह जो अनलक हुआ कानपुर में, तो इसी वर्ष में क्यों हुआ, पहले क्यों नहीं हुआ ? क्या माननीय मंत्री जी बता सकेंगे ?

of luck or ill-luck, why have any penicillin at all?

SHRIMATI T. NALLAMUTHU RAMAMURTI: Were any such symptoms manifested when penicillin was administered to patients in other hospitals?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: Sir, perhaps my hon. friend knows that there is something like an allergy and certain patients have been found allergic to penicillin. It is no fault of the penicillin or of the patients. In such a case where a patient is allergic to penicillin, what the doctor does is, he ceases administering penicillin to him. Before administering penicillin, the doctor could not be sure about his allergy towards it. Unfortunately, such cases are there and the patients are anxious, and the doctors are anxious to give as early a cure as possible. What happened in Kanpur is not there alone; it happened in Madras also and everywhere. Sir, penicillin is penicillin and in order to minimise such accidents, we have issued circulars to the doctors to take all care before administering penicillin and we have suggested now also

that no penicillin can be purchased by anyone except under a prescription.

DR. SHRIMATI SEETA PARMA-NAND: Where was this particular type of penicillin phial manufactured—in any particular factory in Poona or in some other part of the country? Otherwise, how is it that formerly, these complaints were not so obvious? And unless there is something wrong, this could not have happened.

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: I find that the makers of penicillin that was used in Kanpur in these cases were Dumex, Squibbs and A'embics. And elsewhere also, we had heard of cases where a patient was allergic to penicillin and that penicillin had not had the desired effect in the hospitals. In Kanpur in a short time, there were six deaths and therefore, it attracted particular attention. So, we went into the matter and as I said, we have taken all possible precautions to advise the medical profession not to be hasty in using penicillin because ultimately though penicillin has got really remarkable results, yet in cases where a patient is allergic to penicillin, it is harmful to give him penicillin. As I said, we have made a strict rule that no penicillin should be sold to anyone except under a responsible prescription.

SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: May I know whether any arrangements have been made for testing the quality of penicillin produced in India?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: Yes, Sir.

SHRI B. SHIVA RAO: Questions in regard to penicillin are sometimes answered by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, and today I find the Minister of Health answering it. What aspects of penicillin are dealt with by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry and what aspects by the Ministry of Health?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: The aspect of production is dealt with by the Industries Ministry and the aspect

of consumption of penicillin is dealt with by the Health Ministry.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Psychological and mental make-up of the patients.

SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: May I know if the hon. Minister is aware that some of the patients who died at Kanpur had already taken penicillin injections several times, but because of this particular penicillin, the reaction was so heavy that they lost their lives?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: I am told that sometimes this allergy is also there as a result of taking penicillin unnecessarily and too many times. And it is possible that my friend

श्री पा० ना० राजगोपाल : क्या मैं माननीय मंत्री महोदय से जान सकता हूँ कि जब पेनिसिलीन फैक्टरी से तैयार हो कर मार्केट में बेची जाती है, तो उससे पहले उसकी टेस्टिंग नहीं की जाती है ?

श्री डी० पी० कर्मकर : जी हाँ, की जाती है ।

... There are occasional tests for the penicillin that comes from the factory. There is the test for that. And the medical profession also is told that if at any time they find any defect anywhere, immediately they should report to us so that the factory may rectify it.

REPORT OF THE FOOD INQUIRY COMMITTEE OF WEST BENGAL

*426. SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have considered the report of the Food Inquiry Committee set up by the West Bengal Government, which was submitted to the State Government in August last; and

(b) if the reply to part (a) is in the affirmative, whether it is a fact