

RAJYA SABHA

Monday, 28th April 1958

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

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

*65. [For answer, vide cols. 663—68 infra.]

TAKING OVER OF IRWIN HOSPITAL, NEW DELHI, BY THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT

*66. SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state whether Government propose to take over the administration of the Irwin Hospital, New Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH (SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR) : No such proposal is under consideration of the Government at present.

SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: May I know, Sir, if it has come to the notice of the Minister of Health that certain irregularities regarding appointments and other matters concerning the Irwin Hospital are being talked about?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: I am not aware of such a state of affairs in the Irwin Hospital, but if there is any specific question I should like to have notice.

SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: May I know, Sir, whether it is a fact that the Central Health Ministry had to call for papers regarding certain appointments in the Irwin Hospital?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: I do not remember to have asked for papers recently, but I think last year we asked for some information.

SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: May I know, Sir, whether it is a fact that some representations were made to the Health Ministry in the matter of

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appointments of junior honorary physicians there?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: No, Sir, so far as I know, but I should like to have notice.

SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: May I know, Sir, what is the authority in whom the management now vests?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: The authority vests in the Delhi Administration.

*67 and '68. [For answers, vide cols. 662-63 infra.]

*69. [For answer, vide col. 668 infra.]

USE OF "UNIVERSAL OTTO FRAME" IN CENTRAL AGRICULTURAL FARMS

*70. SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new machine, known as "Universal Otto Frame", designed and produced by Voltas and particularly suited for medium-size farms has been tested in any of the Central Agricultural Farms; and

(b) whether it can be used as a labour saving device; if so, in what way?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA) : (a) No.

(b) No experiments have yet been carried out with this implement.

SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: May I know Sir, whether the attention of the Minister has been drawn to a press statement, published some time back that such a machine has been already designed and has been tested by the Central Agricultural Farms? May I know, Sir, whether there is any truth in such a statement?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: Not tested, but the designer, one Mr. Muller by name, met our officers and they