

SHRI AKBAR ALI KHAN: I wante-i to ask the same question, Sir.

“रहस्यमय रोग” पर अनुसंधान

३७४. श्री नवाब सिंह चौहान : क्या स्वास्थ्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगी कि :

(क) क्या पूना की विषाणु-अनुसंधान शाला ने “रहस्यमय रोग” पर कोई अनुसंधान किया है; यदि हां, तो उस का पूर्ण विवरण क्या है;

(ख) क्या सरकार ने इस अनुसंधान के परिणामों की प्रमाणिकता की जांच कराई है; और

(ग) यदि अनुसंधान के परिणाम प्रामाणिक हैं, तो इस रोग की रोक थाम के लिये उस का किस प्रकार प्रयोग किया जा सकता है ?

t [RESEARCH ON 'MYSTERY DISEASE']

*374. SHRI NAWAB SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister for HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Virus Research Centre at Poona has conducted any research on the 'Mystery Disease'; if so, what are the particulars of the same:

(b) whether Government have since caused the authenticity of these findings to be examined; and

(c) if the findings of the research are authentic, what is the use that can be made of the research in checking the spread of this disease?]

स्वास्थ्य उपमंत्री (श्रीमती एम० चन्द्र-शेखर) : (क), (ख) और (ग). जी हां। इस केन्द्र ने रोगियों के मल से अनेक विरसेज का पता लगाया है और विशेष जानकारों का एक दल इस बीमारी के कारणों की खोज कर रहा है।

†[THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR HEALTH (SHRIMATI M. CHANDRA-SEKHAR): (a), (b) and (c). Yes.

†English Translation.

Several strains of viruses from the stools of infected cases have been isolated by the Centre. Investigations into the cause of the disease by a team of experts are still in progress.]

श्री नवाब सिंह चौहान : अब तक क्या खोज हुई है ?

SHRIMATI M. CHANDRASEKHAR: This is a virus on which research is being conducted. It takes a long time. First, they thought that it may be due to mosquito, that the virus in mosquito was a causative organism. Now they have verified that it is not so. They are proceeding with the examination of stools and other things of patients. They have not finalised the conclusion. It is yet to be decided.

श्री व० कि० प्र० सिंह : यह “रहस्यमय रोग” है क्या ? उस के लक्षण क्या हैं ?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Be chivalrous. Mr. Sinha.

SHRI B. K. P. SINHA: What is this 'mysterious' disease? What are its symptoms?

SHRIMATI M. CHANDRASEKHAR: Because it is mysterious, it is called a "mystery disease". I do not think that I will be able to give an explanation.

SHRI V. G. GOPAL: Have they been able to find out the cause of the virus carrying encephalitis which was so prevalent in various cities in north India?

SHRIMATI M. CHANDRASEKHAR Not properly indentified.

*375. [The questioner (Shri Krishna-kant Vyas) was absent. For answer, vide cols. 2730-31 infra.]

RISE IN PRICE OF WHEAT

*376. SHRI D. NARAYAN: Will the Minister for FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that wheat is being sold in Delhi and other cities at the rate of Rs. 17 to Rs. 18 a maund instead of at