

or will have a holiday for the whole day on one of the five days immediately before or after the said day for which he shall receive payment equal to his average daily wages during the preceding week. Weekly holiday can be substituted by another day. As regards payment of wages for such holidays, certain employers are not making payment and legal action is being taken against them.

AYURVEDIC SYSTEM OF MEDICINE

*303. SHRI B. P. AGARWAL: Will the Minister for HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent by Government during each of the last three years on—

- (i) the Ayurvedic dispensaries and hospitals run or aided by the Government of India in the country;
- (ii) the researches in the Ayurvedic system of medicine;
- (iii) the education in the Ayurvedic system of medicine; and
- (iv) other institutions or organisations interested in the promotion of the Ayurvedic system of medicine in the country; and

(b) the proportion of such expenditure as compared with the amount spent on Allopathic system of medicine during each of the last three years?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR HEALTH (SHRIMATI M. CHANDRASEKHAR): (a) and (b). The Government of India do not run any hospitals or dispensaries on the Ayurvedic system of medicine. Recently, however, they have established an Institute of Research in the Indigenous Systems of Medicine at Jamnagar.

Many State Governments have institutions which impart training in Ayurveda as also Ayurvedic hospitals and dispensaries.

The Government of India have no information regarding the expenditure by the State Governments on Ayurveda during the last three years.

SHRI B. P. AGARWAL: May I know which of the main recommendations of the Chopra Committee in regard to the indigenous systems of medicine have been given effect to and what is the progress made so far?

SHRIMATI M. CHANDRASEKHAR: The establishment of the Jamnagar Institute is itself an implementation of one of the main recommendations of that Committee.

SHRI B. P. AGARWAL: May I know if the Government have accepted the Committee's recommendation regarding the establishment of a Central Council of Research in Indian medicines and, if so, what action has been taken?

SHRIMATI M. CHANDRASEKHAR: The Central Council of Health has been established and it is for them to take this up.

SHRIMATI VIOLET ALVA: May I know what is the grant given by the Government of India to the Jamnagar Institute?

SHRIMATI M. CHANDRASEKHAR: Rs. 4 lakhs for the year 1953-54.

SHRI B. P. AGARWAL: May I know what action has been taken regarding the Planning Commission's recommendations in regard to this subject of training in indigenous systems of medicine?

RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR: A certain amount has been set apart and that is being allocated according to the demands of the States. Perhaps the hon. Member will realise that the States are autonomous in the matter of health and it is for them to establish whatever institutions they like.

SHRIMATI MAYA DEVI CHETTRY: May I know how many Ayurvedic dispensaries and hospitals are run or

aided by the Central Government in the country and how many of them are in the rural areas?

RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR: This question should be put to the State Governments. As I have already replied, apart from the Central Institute of Research in the Indigenous Systems of Medicines, the Government of India itself is not running any hospitals or dispensaries.

SHRI GOVINDA REDDY: Is it not a fact that the Ayurvedic system of medicine would be cheaper from the point of administration and also less costly for the patients and, if so, would it not be advisable for the Central Government to advise the States to start as many Ayurvedic dispensaries as possible?

RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR: No, Sir. The cheapest is not always the best, and it is not possible for the Government to go back on the modern system of medicine.

DR. W. S. BARLINGAY: If the Government is running Allopathic institutions, why are they not running Ayurvedic institutions also?

RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR: We have only got specialised institutions under the Government of India like the Institute of Research in the indigenous systems of medicine.

SHRI D. NARAYAN: May I know, Sir, what system of medicine is more suitable for the rural areas of India?

RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR: The best system.

SHRI V. S. SARWATE: Is it not a fact that, when Government servants fall ill, Government pay their medical charges if they go only to Government allopathic hospitals?

MR. CHAIRMAN: You say you don't encourage this or that system. It is a matter for the State Government, but as a matter of fact when Government servants fall ill, you pay their charges and generally these

charges are paid to Allopathic hospitals. So there is an indirect subsidy.

RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR: It is left to the Government servants themselves. In fact if you go even to the villages, they always ask for treatment by drugs in the modern system of medicine.

PROF. G. RANGA: Do they?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Let us not enter into a large discussion about Allopathic or Ayurvedic system. That is not the question here.

PROF. G. RANGA: The hon. Minister makes an obviously incorrect statement.

DR. W. S. BARLINGAY: Is it a fact that apart from specialised Allopathic institutions, the Central Government is also running general dispensaries on its own behalf?

MR. CHAIRMAN: You have said 'no'. Are the Central Government running on their own dispensary in Allopathy?

RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR: Only the hospitals that cater for Government servants here in Delhi.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Out of the allocations made, have they called for any reports from the States as to how much money has been spent by the States for Allopathic and other systems?

MR. CHAIRMAN: That is another question concerning the States.

SHRI M. S. RANAWAT: What are the institutions of Ayurvedic research for which the Central Government is giving aid?

RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR: The Institute of Research at Jamnagar is the only one that the Government of India is running.

SHRI B. B. SHARMA: Is it sufficient for accommodating 36 crores?

SHRI B. P. AGARWAL: May I know whether any action has been taken regarding the establishment of a Central Council for regulation, registration and practising of indigenous systems of medicine as was recommended by the Chopra Committee and the Planning Commission?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Have any steps been taken for the registration of these practitioners in other systems?

RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR: The States are registering those whom they consider qualified.

SHRI B. P. AGARWAL: The question is that the Planning Commission recommended that there should be Central registration and this was also the recommendation of the Chopra Committee. I want to know whether any action has been taken on those recommendations.

RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR: A Central register is being drawn up.

SHRI J. R. KAPOOR: Is it a fact that in the Drug Research Institute at Lucknow, researches are being carried on in indigenous drugs also and if so, what has been the progress so far? Has the Institute published any report showing the progress of work in this respect so far?

RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR: Some research is being carried out but I have not yet received any report about the progress.

SHRI J. R. KAPOOR: How long has this research been carried on at Lucknow? For over a year, I suppose?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Maybe. Next question.

EXPENDITURE MADE BY THE W.H.O. AND UNESCO FOR PROMOTION OF HEALTH IN INDIA

*304. **SHRI B. P. AGARWAL:** Will the Minister for HEALTH be pleased to state the amount spent by the World Health Organisation and the United Nations Educational, Social and Cul-

tural Organisation on the promotion of health in India during each of the last three years separately?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR HEALTH (SHRIMATI M. CHANDRASEKHAR): The World Health Organisation has given to India advisory and demonstration services in various fields of health and has incurred on such services an expenditure of U.S. \$ 242, 447, 399, 465 and 474, 894 during the years 1950, 1951 and 1952.

Presumably the hon. Member is referring to UNICEF and not UNESCO. Since the commencement of its activities in India in 1948, UNICEF has so far allocated to India equipment and supplies worth U.S. \$ 8,547,000 for various health development programmes all over the country. Information about UNICEF assistance separately for the last three years is not available. UNESCO has not spent any amount on the promotion of health in India.

SHRI B. P. AGARWAL: May I know whether any portion of these grants is being utilized for the promotion of indigenous systems of medicine?

SHRIMATI M. CHANDRASEKHAR: No.

DR. W. S. BARLINGAY: For homœopathy?

SHRIMATI M. CHANDRASEKHAR: No.

DR. P. C. MITRA: May I know whether the World Health Organization is spending the amount of its own accord or on requisition by the Government of India?

RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR: Naturally all the money that the Government of India gets is at its own request and is spent according to the wishes of the Government of India.

DR. P. C. MITRA: Is the amount to be repayable to the W.H.O.?

RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR: No.