

make a statement after the enquiry is completed?

Mr. Speaker: Yes, he has said so.

Delhi Sewage Tank Tragedy

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 Shri Naval Prabhakar:

Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state.

(a) Whether the report of enquiry into the death of seven labourers in the sullage tank near the Coronation Pillar has been received by Government; and

(b) if so, whether a copy of the report will be laid on the Table of the Sabha?

The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar): (a) Yes, sir, the report was received with the comments of the Chief Commissioner on 11-7-57

(b) Government are examining the Report and the question will be considered after decisions are taken on the recommendations made in the Report

श्री म० ला० द्विवेदी : क्या यह सच है कि जिन वक्त इसमें पाच छ आदमी फस गये थे उम वक्त उनको निकालने में करीब-करीब आठ दस घंटे लगे ? यदि हा, तो मैं जानना चाहता हू कि इनको निकालने में इतनी देरी क्यों लगी ?

श्री कर्मकर : इसके अन्दर मान आदमी फस गये थे और उनको निकालने में मेरे खयाल से कोई १४ घंटे लगे । सबको निकालने में १४ घंटे नहीं लगे बल्कि आखिरी आदमी को निकालने तक १४ घंटे लगे ।

श्री न० ना० द्विवेदी : इतनी देर लगने का क्या कारण था ?

श्री कर्मकर : वे निकाले नहीं जा सकते थे । जो बाल भी वह २४ फुट की पक्की दीवार की भीर उसको तोड़ना बहुत मुश्किल था । इनलिये आर्मी की सहायता भी ली गई और तब जा कर निकाल सकना सम्भव हुआ ।

Shri Radha Raman: Pending the action proposed to be taken on the basis of the enquiry, may I know whether Government has taken any precaution with regard to the persons who are going into the tank to see that their life is not in danger?

Shri Karmarkar: So far as my information goes, after this incident, may have not gone into the tank if men are sent, we shall see to it that all possible precautions are taken.

श्रीमती ता कडवरी सिन्हा : मैं जानना चाहती हू कि क्या इस दुर्घटना के पहले भी कोई ऐसी दुर्घटना हुई थी, यदि हुई थी तो कब हुई थी और क्या कारण है कि इस तरह की दुर्घटनाओं को रोकने का पहल से ही कोई प्रबन्ध नहीं किया गया ?

श्री कर्मकर : जहां तक मेरा खयाल है, इस तरह की दुर्घटना पहले कभी नहीं हुई थी और इसके बाद भी कभी नहीं होगी, ऐसी मैं आशा करता हू ।

श्रीमती तारकेश्वरी सिन्हा : क्या मंत्री महोदय दृगकी अच्छी तरह से जानकारी करेंगे कि पहल कभी इस तरह की दुर्घटना नहीं हुई थी ?

Mr. Speaker: After the report is examined, I am sure it will be placed on the Table of the House

Mr. Sushila Nayar: May I know when this enquiry report was received, how much time has passed while it has been under consideration and how much more time is likely to be taken?

Shri Karmarkar: The report that was submitted to the Chief Commissioner is dated the 1st July. The report along with the Chief Commis-

sioner's comments thereon reached us on the 11th July. It has been with us for about four days now. I expect that with immediate consideration we shall finish the examination within a fortnight's time.

Mr. Speaker: As soon as it is over, I shall allow a discussion on this matter. I find it is an important matter where 7 people have died.

Shri Radhelal Vyas: Question No. 74 also relates to the influenza epidemic. It may be taken along with Question No. 40.

Shri Raghunath Singh: Question No. 75 also.

Mr. Speaker: Yes, if the hon. Minister is agreeable, they may be taken together.

The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar): Certainly.

Influenza Epidemic

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Shri S. M. Banerjee:
Shri Mohan Swarup:

Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of cases of Influenza recorded in different places in India;

(b) how many of them proved fatal,

(c) the steps taken by Government in general for checking this disease all over India and the total amount spent by the Central Government thereto,

(d) whether medicines for the prevention and control of the epidemic were obtained from foreign countries as well,

(e) whether in view of the possibility of this disease breaking out again, Government have taken any steps for the control and treatment of the disease and if so, what, and

(f) whether this epidemic is due to radiation of radioactive materials on account of nuclear explosions?

The Minister of Health (Shri D. P. Karmarkar): (a) and (b) A statement is placed on the Table of Lok Sabha [See Appendix I, annexure No. 11]

(c) Following measures were taken:

(1) Check on importation of influenza from foreign countries by air and sea

(2) State Governments have declared Influenza as a notifiable disease and Government of India have declared it as an infectious disease

(3) Isolation and treatment of cases

(4) Prevention of overcrowding

(5) Health Education through press, radio, etc

(6) A sum of Rs 1,37,900 has been sanctioned for prevention and check of disease and manufacture of vaccine

(d) No

(e) All State Governments have been alerted and requested to keep