

**Death of a Nursing Student of Sucheta
Kripalani Hospital**

1528. SHRI Y.S. MAHAJAN :
SHRI THAMPAN THOMAS :
SHRI ANANTA PRASAD
SETHI :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the circumstances which led to the death of a nursing student of Sucheta Kripalani Hospital in a village in Haryana; and

(b) steps taken by Government to check recurrence of such tragic incidents ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI) : (a) Miss Thressiamma Joseph was admitted to the 1st Year PTS course of Nursing in the Smt. S.K. Hospital School of Nursing on 1st November, 1985. She was staying in the Nurses Hostel of the School. She fell sick on 17th October, 1985 and was admitted to the Nurses Sick Room in the evening. She had high fever with chills for 2 days. On October 20, 1985, one of the Nursing students informed the Staff Nurse on night duty in the Nurses Sick Room that Miss Joseph was not on her bed. The staff of the hospital made a thorough search of the hospital and hostel premises but failed to locate Miss Joseph. An FIR was lodged immediately with the Police Station and subsequently, the Assistant Commissioner of Police was also requested by the Medical Superintendent of the Hospital to locate the missing girl. A flash of her photograph and relevant information was also telecast on Doordarshan. Every effort was made by the Hospital authorities who were constantly in touch with the Police authorities to locate the student. On 21st October, 1985, the College authorities were informed by the Saket Police Station that Miss Joseph was seen on 20th October, 1985 at Jhajjar (Haryana) and the information was that she had died. When the Police authorities got in touch with the Jhajjar Police Station on

22nd October, 1985 they were informed that the autopsy had already been done on the deceased and the relatives had left for Delhi along with the body. The relatives, along with the dead body arrived in the Smt. S.K. Hospital on October 22, 1985 and the body was immediately removed to the Mortuary of the Hospital. The parents of the sick student Nurse had already been informed telegraphically on 21st October, 1985 to reach Delhi immediately. The Body of Miss Joseph was handed over to the Police for conducting a second post-mortam. The second autopsy was conducted in the Maulana Azad Medical College, Delhi, on October 25, 1985 and the body was handed over to the relatives of the deceased by the police the same day. The investigation of the case has been handed over to the C.R.I.

(b) Authorities of the Smt. Sucheta Kripalani Hospital have increased the number of security guards in the students hostel.

**Disappearance of Women Patients from
Sucheta Kripalani Hospital, New Delhi**

1529. SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE :

PROF. NIRMALA KUMARI
SHAKTAWAT :

SHRI LAKSHMAN MALLICK :
SHRI KAMLA PRASAD SINGH :
SHRI S.M. BHATTAM :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that three women patients admitted in Sucheta Kripalani Hospital, New Delhi disappeared in the second half of October, 1985;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any enquiry has been made to go into the causes of these patients leaving/taken away from the hospital; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) and (b). Three patients left the Smt. Sucheta Kripalani Hospital during the last fortnight of October, 1985 without informing the hospital authorities.

(c) and (d). The enquiry conducted by the hospital authorities have revealed that a few ambulatory patients admitted to the hospital at times leave without giving any information to the Ward staff. Most of them go from the Maternity Wards as it takes time for the doctors to prepare the discharge slips. The patients and their relatives just leave the ward quietly without informing anybody and are reported as missing. Whenever such an occurrence takes place, the hospital informs the Police Station, Mandir Marg. A phonogram is given at the registered address of the patients, if she resides at a place beyond 3 Km. from the hospital or a messenger is sent to trace the patient at her house if the address given is within three Km. from the hospital.

Fire in Visakhapatnam Port Trust Area

1530. SHRI N. VENKATA RATNAM: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether fire broke out in Visakhapatnam Port Trust area consecutively on 23rd October, 1985 and again on 24th October, 1985;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof and damage caused; and

(c) the action taken by Government, if any, to prevent its recurrence?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRI BANSI LAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The fire appeared to have occurred because of the presence of phosphorous compounds in sugar. Approximately 300 tonnes of imported sugar was damaged. The transit sheds No. 3 & 4 also got affected.

(c) National Institute of Sugar, Kanpur has been requested to depute their experts to ascertain the cause of fire. Fire fighting equipment and fire watch arrangements are being kept round the clock. The consignee—State Trading Corporation was requested to arrange to clear the sugar stock immediately on landing.

[Translation]

Profit/Loss to Hotel Corporation of India

1531. SHRI SARFARAZ AHMED: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Hotel Corporation of India is earning profits or running into loss at present and the extent thereof; and

(b) what is the profit or loss position of the Centaur Hotel in Rajgir (Bihar) and at Juhu in Bombay, the month-wise number of rooms remained vacant in these Hotels during the current year, the reasons therefor and the extent of profit or loss so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) The Hotel Corporation of India Ltd. has incurred a net loss of Rs. 264.69 lakhs during 1984-85 and Rs. 319.26 lakhs during 1983-84. During 1982-83 it had earned a profit of Rs. 16.31 lakhs.

(b) The Centaur Juhu Beach Hotel at Bombay is under construction and is likely to be commissioned next year.

The Centaur Hokke Hotel at Rajgir consisting of 26 rooms, was commissioned in late November, 1984. Till March, 1985, the average occupancy in terms of bed nights was around 11% resulting in a net loss of Rs. 10.02 lakhs for this period. The low occupancy rate of this hotel was due to the fact that the Hokke Club of Japan, who were to promote Buddhist tourist traffic to this hotel, did not have adequate time to promote the hotel. All efforts are being made to improve the average room occupancy with the help of Hokke Club of Japan.