

of low income families. Full facilities for free treatment of post-sterilisation complications are, however, provided by the Government in all such cases.

External Affections on Homoeopathy

9191. DR. BHAGWAN DASS RATHOR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the externals should not be used to remove external affection in Homoeopathy (Organon of Medicine, 6th edition Foot note No. 2, and Section 185—203);

(b) the use of external medicine is at increase to harm the people and the science; and

(c) if so, what action Government propose to take to check the use of external medicines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV): (a) It is correct to say that the externals should not be used in Homoeopathy in the treatment of *Local maladies* (vide "Organon of Medicine" Section 185-203, 6th edition). However, Hahnemann, in Section 290 of his 'Organon of Medicine' has mentioned that all sensitive parts of our body are almost equally capable of receiving medicinal actions. Parts that are destitute of skin, wounded or ulcerated spots permit the powers of medicines of exercise almost as penetrating as action upon the organism as if the medicine has been taken by mouth. In certain cases, however, Hahnemann has permitted the use of external applications of Homoeopathic remedies as mentioned by him in his *Materia Medica Pura* with reference to Arnica (page 89, American edition, Vol. 1) and also in his notes on Camphora in his *Materia Medica Pura* (page 305, American edition, Vol. 1). In case of Arnica he has mentioned that in severe and extensive contusions/injuries, curing is speeded up when the

affected parts are externally moistened with low potency of Arnica(2x) for the first 24 hours while small doses of Arnica are taken internally. Similarly in case of Camphora he has mentioned that when camphor is applied externally excites a kind of erysipelas; so, in acute diseases accompanied by erysipelas, it is useful as an external application, if the other symptoms of the internal malady are present among the symptoms of camphor. Further, he recommends, the use of magnetism in the treatment of various disease conditions by local applications. For this purpose he has recommended that a magnetic rod, if the pole is selected according to the similarity of the symptoms to the case of the disease, be brought in contact or *almost in contact* for one minute only, with the affected part or even with the tip of the finger, the cure can be effected. (*Materia Medica Pura* page 62, American edition, Vol. II).

(b) The use of external application in case of injuries, accidents etc., do not harm the patients or the science provided the medicine is indicated Homoeopathically.

(c) The question does not arise.

Family Planning Promotion Programmes in Delhi

9192. SHRI KANWAR LAL GUPTA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No., 268 on the 30th June, 1977 and state:

(a) whether the proper account of total collection amounting to Rs. 52,12,263 made for family planning promotion programme and the total expenses of Rs. 33,43,821 incurred in Delhi has been properly maintained and audited;

(b) what is the audit report this income and expenditure;

(c) how the balance money was utilized; and