

far, I am hoping that the Governments at least of these four States will agree.

Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: The Minister said that the Punjab Government has refused to participate. May I know whether any reason has been given for this?

Shri Karmarkar: I cannot say off hand. One of the possible reasons is that this leaves a little less of control by the State Government. It is only an imaginary difficulty. We are having no difficulty in the I.A.S. and I.P.S., etc. Assuming for a moment—if the post of Director of Medical Services in any State is transferred to this Service, the discretion as to whom to appoint as Director and the initiative passes from the State Government. It is only an imaginary difficulty. Because, by and large, it will be the State Government that would profit more because, any one can rise to the highest place in the service in the whole of India.

Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: Will the Government take steps to persuade the Punjab Government?

Shri Karmarkar: I am happy to tell the House that recently at the Chief Ministers' Conference which met for considering the question of national integration, one of the conclusions to which they have arrived is that in addition to some other services like Engineering and Forestry, in the Medical service there should be integration. I am quite sure in my mind, in view of that Resolution, all the State Governments will agree.

Mr. Speaker: Shri Harish Chandra Mathur.

Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: I wanted just to invite the attention of the hon. Minister to that. He has already said that.

Shri Karmarkar: Thanks very much.

Asian Health Organisation

*1144. **Shri A. Sarma:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have received a scheme for starting Asian Health Organisation from the Ceylon Government under the Colombo Plan; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government in the matter?

The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar): (a) and (b). The matter is under correspondence with the Ceylon Government.

Mr. Speaker: Shri Barupal, Shri Tula Ram; Shri Motilal Malviya; Shri Lachhi Ram—all are absent. These hon. Members do not put questions and if they put questions, they are absent.

Coronary Thrombosis

*1146. **Shri S. R. Arumugham:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the research in Madras Medical College has led to the conclusion that the increased incidence of Coronary Thrombosis is due to the increased intake of vegetable fat such as Vanaspati;

(b) whether the result of the research has been confirmed by some of the foreign medical journals;

(c) if so, the names of the journals; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to defat the vegetable oils?

The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar): (a) Information is being collected.

(b) and (c). Government have no information.

(d) None.

Shri S. R. Arumugham: What are the opinions and findings of the experts regarding intake of vegetable vanaspati in normal quantities?

Shri Karmarkar: In normal quantities, there is no trouble. Abnormal quantities create trouble.