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With Compliments

Herewith copies of two letters dated 16 April from Dr. S.P.V. Chandra Rao re:
(1) Article in 'The Practitioner' by Dr. M.L. Newhouse: "Asbestos Related Diseases"
(2) Second article by Dr. G.H.G. McMillan "Asbestos Related Diseases" in 'The Safety Practitioner' of February 1984.

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Date: 16.4.1984

The Director General,
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Dear Jimmy,

This is regarding Dr.G.H.G.McMillan's second article on "Asbestos related Diseases" appeared in "The Safety Practitioner" of February 1984.

First line of the article says, almost all Mesotheliomas aredue to Asbestos exposure. As you are aware, this is not so, hence this point may be discussed with Convenor, Chairman and members of MAP, and the necessary action may be taken.

But the same article also says that there is no risk of Lung Cancer or Mesothelioma due to Asbestos in Urban or rural air pollution. This is a good point for Industry but further details are needed for arguement sake.

Best regards,

Yours cordially,

(Dr.S.P.VIVEK CHANDRA RAO)

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Dear Jimmy,

Having read the article "Asbestos related Diseases" by Dr.M.L.Newhouse published in 'The Practitioner', September 1983, circulated to members of MAP, I enclose my comments. Please take the opinion of Convenor, Chairman and other members of MAP and further action may be taken accordingly.

Refering to signs of Asbestosis, Dr.Newhouse is of the opinion, "Examination often shows clubbing". But in view of MAP members, and the document "Criteria for Diagnosing Asbestos related Diseases" by MAP, clubbing of fingers may be seen in case of Asbestosis, but it is not often.

Regarding radiological diagnoses of Asbestosis, Dr.New house opines, blunting of the costophrenic angles usually occurs in early cases of Asbestosis.

Blunting of costo phrenic angles is due to pleural reactivity, which is only an indication of exposure to Asbestos. Moreover, Asbestosis an interstitial lesion, and blunting of costophrenic angles a pleural lesion, hence it does not form a part of radiological diagnoses of Asbestosis.

As regards, pulmonary function test results, article mentions that signs of constriction are seen, which means both restrictive and obstructive. If the author anticipates obstructive changes also a further explaination is needed like in which stage of the disease, and the role of smoking in it.

While discussing prognosis, "Asbestosis may progress after exposure ceases", here a further positive information to be added like, further progress of the disease depends upon the severity of Asbestosis at the time of diagnoses, and also it is the individuals susceptibility that determines it.

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Commenting on effect of smoking in Asbestos workers and relating to Lung cancer, it is rated as 50 times higher, when it is only 5 times in non smoking Asbestos workers. This may not hold good for the present working conditions, and higher rate of Lung cancer is seen as the dose of Asbestos increases. (Mc Donald study).

The above comments are not to make mountains out of Mole Hills, but one who follows this criteria for diagnosing Asbestos related diseases will not be self sufficient.

with regards,

Cordially yours,

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