

APPENDIX-C

SCRIPT ( ENGLISH )

'EAT, DRINK AND BE HAPPY'

Cast - Tanuji, Kadvaji, Motuji, Gabhaji (Males)  
Sukliben (Female)

Scene 1

(Tanuji is tilling his field - walking behind his bullocks - suddenly looks ahead and stops - speaks).

Tanuji : How come this Motuji has left work and is going home? (aloud). Hey Motuji which way?

Motuji : Going home.

Tanuji : Home? feeling unwell or tired? with a bulky body like yours, one does feel tired and lazy.

Motuji : Since I have stopped taking potatoes I don't have many problems.

Tanuji : Then dear fellow, why not work in the field? What's there at home?

Motuji : Have guests at home. My sisters and brother-in-law.

Tanuji : Oh! I didn't know you had a sister.

Motuji : I have one called Sukli, her husband is called Gabhaji. They both have come so I am going home.

Tanuji : Oh yes go ahead. I am also going for some work, I shall come to your place on my way (Starts tilling, Motuji leaves).

Scene 2

(Motuji's house. Gabhaji sits leaning against a tree - He appears tired and has sunken eyes - goes on scratching - all over the body. Motuji's sister waits for Motuji).

Gabhaji : Motuji has not come yet.

Sukliben : He must be on his way, but why don't you stop scratching. The moment you are free, you start that.

Gabhaji : Don't talk nonsense. You think I feel like scratching? I feel itching all over the body even if I had four arms they would not suffice (for scratching).

Sukliben : Your skin will come off. Here comes Motuji. Please come, you must have left work and come.

Motuji : You both have come here after such a long time, that I should be here. Gabhaji, hope you like it here?

Gabhaji : I would like it if there is some moving around to do. I would not like to just sit.

- Sukliben : Oh yes Motuji, take him out in the village or he will go on scratching his body if he is free.
- Motuji : When it cools down in the evening we will go out.
- Gabhaji : I would not like to go out late. I do not see well in the evenings so find it difficult to go out.
- Motuji : You do not see well? You are so young yet!
- Sukliben : Yet, he cannot see as it becomes dark. He is always sickly.
- Gabhaji : Look who's talking? Are you all that well? Motuji see how pale she has become.
- Motuji : She was always thin, but how come you have become so pale?
- Sukliben : God only knows. I do not ever feel well. I worry about him and he worries about me.
- Motuji : There come Tanuji and Kadvaji. Come, where have you both come from?
- Kadvaji : Tanuji tole me that your sister and brother-in-law have come, so I also came. Sukli, do you remember me?

- Sukliben : Of course. I do Kadvaji.
- Kadvaji : But why is Gabhaji so tired?
- Motuji : It is good that you came. Kadvaji. See what's happened to both? Sukli is so pale. It seems there is no blood in her.
- Kadvaji : She is really very pale, and Gabhaji? Why have your eyes sunk? Don't you both eat?
- Tanuji : If they don't take care of themselves they would be like that. Just look at me! My eyes are so fine that I can thread a needle in moonlight.
- Gabhaji : We do not starve. But I don't know why I don't feel well. I wish I had a body like Tanuji.
- Sukliben : Leave Tanuji's body. It would be good if you forgot scratching.
- Kadvaji : Gabhaji, do you feel itching all over the body? That happens if your skin has gone dry. Sukli, what do you eat?
- Sukliben : We eat eatables, not stones!

- Motuji : If you answer properly, Kadvaji will solve all your problems.
- Sukliben : We eat Rotlas and chillies, or onions or Khichadi.
- Kadvaji : What vegetables do you eat?
- Sukliben : Vegetables? He does not like any so, he does eat any. He is happy with onions.
- Motuji : I hope, you do not eat potatoes.
- Gabhaji : No, no, we don't buy vegetables because I don't like them.
- Tanuji : Look at these people! how strange that they eat no vegetables.
- Gabhaji : We cannot afford vegetables. We are not habituated to vegetables because we don't earn much.
- Motuji : Kadvaji, please advise them properly.
- Kadvaji : Gabhaji, Sukli - both listen to me, Gabhaji's skin get irritated and feels itchy yes? His eyes also cannot see. You have become pale. There is just one way out for all this.
- Sukliben : Then, please point it out.

- Gabhaji : Please do not suggest anything expensive.
- Tanuji : Motuji, I will go now. Kadvaji please explain to these people how useful fresh green vegetables are (Goes).
- Kadvaji : Gabhaji - you should be as healthy as him. You both should eat as much green and leafy vegetables as it is possible.
- Sukliben : Green vegetables. Which ones?
- Kadvaji : Green vegetables like Palak, Methi and Mustard leaves.
- Gabhaji : Just listen to that! This is all-cattle feed. How can you eat such leaves.
- Kadvaji : Gabhaji, just understand. Green leafy vegetables are not cattle feed. We need them - badly.
- Sukliben : What difference would they make?
- Kadvaji : See, you have become pale, that means the necessary iron in your body is less.
- Tanuji : And whatever iron you get from green vegetables, you do not get it in any other food.

- Kadvaji : Yes - that's very nutritive. And Gabhaji if you eat green vegetables - your - eyes will be better. The reason why you see less, is that you do not eat green vegetables.
- Gabhaji : Will my eyes be better if I eat green vegetables?
- Sukliben : And will my paleness disappear?
- Kadvaji : Of course. Not only that but bones also become stronger - and we will not get that itching.
- Sukliben : That's the best.
- Gabhaji : But can we afford all that?
- Motuji : Gabhaji, green vegetables are cheap, not expensive. But you are not used to them that's why you think so. I used to eat only potatoes, now I eat all vegetables.
- Gabhaji : (to Sukli) Let's also start having green vegetables.
- Sukliben : I will prepare them. But don't make faces eating them. Kadvaji has said - that your itching will go away - eyes will be better and my paleness will also disappear.



Gabhaji : If there are such advantages - let us start eating green vegetables.

Kadvaji : Advantages are certainly there. Green vegetables are very nutritive. They make bones stronger, improve eye sight and do away paleness. They build the body and give it strength to resist diseases.

Sukliben : Kadvaji, it's good that you have solved our problem.

Motuji : But do what Kadvaji says - or you both will turn into live skeletons.

NARRATOR:

Friends, many of you have such problems. But you also found a solution from Kadvaji. You also consume as much green vegetables as possible. There is much iron in green vegetables, which is good for constitution. It makes bones stronger, and improves eye-sight. It gives strength to the body to resist - diseases. It is good for skin - and removes paleness, and green vegetables are not expensive. Everyone can afford them.

POLIO

About five million (50 lacs) children die in developing countries due to polio, diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus, measles and tuberculosis. Surprisingly enough vaccines against each of the six diseases are available.

1. POLIO: This disease occurs mostly in children. It is caused by very small germs called 'Virus'.

2. This disease can make a child physically handicapped for the whole life. This disease has been known for a long time, but it was successfully described by Hein in 1840 and by Medin in 1890. Three scientists namely, Enders, Weller and Robin got Nobel Prize in 1949 for breeding virus responsible for polio in laboratory.

3. This disease is found to be the most active between June to September. About 80% of victims are children under 3 years of age. The polio virus are found in human feces. Due to unhygienic habits the virus can enter a new body through water or food. After the virus enters the body one or two weeks later or even four or five weeks later, the symptoms of polio appear. After the virus have entered the liver and intestines either through blood or nerves, they reach nerve centres. When the nerve centres are affected, muscles of feet and other parts of the body are affected. The muscles then lose their capacity for voluntary movement - it gets reduced and thus a child becomes physically handicapped.

4. Children in the initial stage of this disease get fever up to  $100^{\circ}\text{F}$  or  $101^{\circ}\text{F}$  or also suffer from diarrhoea and common cold. These are common symptoms.

But the muscles which are used more are easily affected by polio. Generally the hip joint muscles are affected. Next comes the muscles of abdomen, followed by arm and shoulder muscles. If respiratory muscles are affected, the condition of the child becomes critical. Sometimes the brain also gets swollen which is also a critical condition. Medical attention does not cure a child totally. So it is necessary to take precautionary steps against it.

5. As mentioned, children between 6 months and 3 years of age are usually affected by this disease. So they should be given the vaccine to protect against it. This vaccine is called the polio vaccine. It is given orally from the age of three months and three such doses are given till now at the interval of one month each (This is called the primary dose). But now five such doses are given as they are found to be more effective. So a child should be given this vaccine to resist polio.

6. Let us see what this vaccine is. The virus of the polio who are so made - that they cannot produce the disease are introduced into the body by vaccine. After the virus enter the body, the body slowly develops resistance to fight against polio.

The resistance goes on increasing. The virus do not cause the disease, they only awaken the resistance. Sometimes a child gets fever. In such a case there is no reason to be afraid or to believe that the vaccine has affected badly.

7. Generally, the primary dose begin from the age of 3 months. But if a child has been suffering from fever, cough or cold, or diarrhoea, this dose cannot be given. It can be given only when the child is normal.

8. The belief that a child should not be fed half an hour before or after the vaccine is given is wrong. In fact, when a child is hungry it can be breastfed, without bothering about the vaccine. But a child should not be given any hot liquid after vaccine. The vaccine itself should not be given in room that is hot or moist, or crowded. As far as possible the vaccine should be given in a cold room.

9. The question about the room being cool, can be answered. The vaccine has to be stored at 20° centigrade. Whenever the bottle is taken out for use that also has to be kept in ice. Otherwise, it does not remain effective.

10. Generally, polio vaccine and tripple vaccine are given together. Some parents believe that the child got

'Polio' after the vaccine was given. Such a belief is wrong.

As mentioned before, a child does not get polio, soon after the virus enter the body. Its symptoms appear two or three weeks later. During this period, the virus move around the body and increase in number. Now during these 15-20 days if a child is given an injection for some other reason and if the child gets polio because of the virus (which had already entered the body) the parents feel that because of the injection alone the child got polio. But between June and September, the season for polio, special care should be taken. For instance, the child should not get any injury or fracture - nor should there be any surgery, vigorous games or activities should not be allowed. An injection should be given if necessary. As mentioned earlier this disease occurs due to unhygienic food habits. Feces carry this virus, if that is not disposed off properly - flies can carry the virus, even water can become a carrier if it comes into contact with feces. Moreover if a mother does not wash her hands properly, the virus can spread through her nails and her other children can get polio. Some people use clay to wash their hands - after toilet - but the same clay could carry polio virus and spread even further.

11. All Government and Municipal hospitals or dispensaries or primary health centres give this vaccine free of charge.

12. Despite the care taken, if a child gets polio, the following can be done. When a child loses balance after and cannot stand erect, parents feel suspicious. A specialist (doctor) should be consulted.

A. The child needs complete rest, because more tired the muscles are the more the polio affects.

B. If the symptoms of polio appears, to avoid physical deformity, the child should be laid properly. A pillow (3-4") should be kept below the knees. The feet should be kept straight with the help of splints. The same way either sand bags or pillows should be kept under the arms.

C. When the symptoms of polio appear, a child should not be massaged for 3 to 6 weeks. A massage tires the muscles which can then be easily affected by polio.

D. Whatever part is affected, should be treated often with warm water. The child feels better.

- E. Medicines should continue according to the Doctor's advice.
- F. Despite these, if polio advances, and the child finds it difficult to breathe, has high fever and cannot swallow, then the child should be admitted to hospital.

HIDDEN ENEMIES

Cast: Ravji - Sharda - (his wife), - Chanchiba (his mother),  
Vimu.

Scene 1Ravji's House

(Ravji is sitting on a charpoy. His mother is swinging the baby in the cradle. Just then Vimu enters).

Vimu : Chanchiba, where's Shardabhabhi?

Chanchiba : Come, she has gone to fetch water from the well - she must be on her way - but how is your mother?

Vimu : She is alright now. She just had fever. So she was weak. Is the little boy awake or asleep?

Chanchiba : No, he is asleep. Don't bother him. We forced him to sleep. If he wakes up he won't let us do anything.

Vimu : Ravjibhai, you haven't given me any sweets - just wait till my chance comes. I will take the sweets and also a saree from you. Am I not your sister?

Ravji : Of course, how can I deny that.

Chanchiba : When we distributed sweets you had gone to your uncle's place. There comes Sharda.



- Sharda : Oh, Vimuben has come : how come you are free?
- Vimu : I told mother that I would go. I do not have to cook right now.
- Sharda : Ba, Kashibhabhi met me at the well. she told me Mohanbhai has been taken to the city hospital.
- Chanchiba : Mohan has been taken to hospital oh Lord! What has happened to him again?
- Sharda : A month ago when he was going on his cycle, he dashed against a cart, got dragged on ground and got hurt.
- Ravji : You are just mad. He was hurt a month ago - what of that now? Don't bluff like that!
- Vimu : Bhabhi tells the truth, Ravjibhai, if he got hurt and got dragged on the ground, then germs can enter the body from the dirt or dust and then he can get tetanus.
- Chanchiba : This Vimu talks as if she knows every thing and she has only studied a little.
- Sharda : Vimuben, what happens if one gets tetanus?
- Vimu : Tetanus means - when one gets hurt some germs enter the body from the dirt, or dust - and the body gets poisoned because of those germs.

- Ravji : But what exactly happens?
- Vimu : First the jaws get locked. Then the person gets convulsions, the body becomes rigid - and the person just dies.
- Sharda : Does Mohanbhai get the same things?
- Ravji : This is bad. I can't believe it. We get hurt so many times working in the fields.
- Vimu : You must do something as soon as you are hurt.
- Chanchiba : What can we do? We either burn cotton and apply that or apply some herbs.
- Ravji : If I bleed, I just apply clay, (dust) there.
- Vimu : But that very clay has the germs of tetanus! That way you invite the disease.
- Sharda : What does one do when one gets hurt?
- Vimu : Apply some medicine and also take a tetanus injection. Then tetanus does not occur.
- Ravji : Who can take an injection? I am not so feeble. I must have been hurt so many times - that I cannot afford to pay attention to all that.
- Sharda : Then if you suffer like Mohanbhai some day every one will have to run about.

- Vimu : That you will have to do. But I just remembered something in Mohanbhai's connection, how old is this boy?
- Chanchiba : Sharda came here twenty days back, when he was three months old.
- Sharda : Oh yes, he is about four months old.
- Vimu : Then bhabhi get him tripple vaccinated. My niece has been given that.
- Sharda : What is that?
- Vimu : Come on! You don't know what tripple vaccine is?
- Ravji : We are what we are. We have not studied and know nothing.
- Vimu : Study does not come in here.
- Chanchiba : Then how did you know all this?
- Vimu : I went to my (maternal) uncle's place. They have a primary health centre in their village, and my cousin works there. He tells me things and I asked him questions and came to know all this.
- Chanchiba : I know nothing about this vaccination. If you know, tell me.

- Vimu : See, Tripple vaccine is given against whooping cough, diphtheria and tetanus, so that they do not occur.
- Ravji : You mean one get cured of - whooping cough, diphtheria and tetanus because of the vaccine?
- Vimu : Why cured? One just does not get them - your son is just three-four months old. This vaccine is given only after three months. If you get him tripple vaccinated - he won't get whooping cough, diphtheria or tetanus in future.
- Sharda : Then we will give him that vaccine.
- Ravji : Oh yes, Vimu give me the name and I will get it from the medical shop.
- Vimu : You don't get it at the medical shop and we can't give it.
- Chanchiba : On one hand, she says get him vaccinated, on the other she says we can't give it.
- Vimu : It is not like that. You have to get it in Primary Health Centre or tell the nurse or a worker in Primary Health Centre to come home and give it.
- Ravji : Let's all take the vaccine.

- Vimu : Tripple vaccine is given only to children, so your son can get it.
- Chanchiba : Why can't we take it.
- Vimu : It is given only to children under five. It protects them against whooping cough, diphtheria and tetanus.
- Ravji : Why to children under five only? Why can't we take it? We can also get tetanus!
- Vimu : Just listen to me. A child above five is given a different vaccine. It protects against tetanus and diphtheria. It has no medicine against whooping cough, because children above five do not get whooping cough.
- Ravji : Now there is one more vaccine. But about tetanus, what do we do?
- Vimu : I will tell you. For mature people, there is a tetanus vaccine. That can be given in three doses - by injections.
- Chanchiba : All the three injections to be taken together?
- Vimu : There is a gap of six weeks between first two doses and between second and third dose, the gap of six weeks to six months can be kept.

- Ravji : Can everyone get this tetanus vaccine?
- Vimu : No, not everyone. But every pregnant women between 15 and 44 and children under 14 can be given this vaccine - but get your son vaccinated.
- Chanchiba : He has not got anything. We will get him vaccinated when he gets something.
- Vimu : You can't get him vaccinated - when he gets a disease. The vaccination is given to normal children - so they do not get a disease and can resist the germs.
- Sharda : But he is only four months - Can we get him vaccinated?
- Vimu : Oh yes, Tripple vaccine is given only when the child is three months old. It is given in three doses.
- Sharda : Now, you talk of three vaccines'. I don't want to get him vaccinated. How can he bear three injections at a time?
- Vimu : But listen. All three injections are not given at a time. After the first dose is given, the second is given after a gap of four or six weeks. After the second, four or six weeks later, the third is given.

- Ravji : Now, I understand. It is given in three parts.  
Yes.
- Vimu : Oh yes, After the child is a year and half -  
one more dose of tripple vaccine is given.
- Sharda : You explained well. It is good to get a vaccine  
before he gets anything. But will he not be  
sick because of the vaccine?
- Vimu : No, no he might get fever for a day - but he  
gets protection against disease.
- Ravji : It is all good for children.
- Vimu : I will go. I wanted to play with him, but  
he is asleep.
- Sharda : He sleeps for the day and keeps awake at night.
- Vimu : Good bye everyone. Just inquire your mother  
about her welfare.
- Chanchiba : Ravji - Go to hospital to inquire about his  
health. (The boy cries).
- Sharda : There he is awake. When Vimuben came he did  
not wake up - and now only he wakes up.
- Chanchiba : Feed him, he will sleep again (Sharda sits near  
the cradle).

'THE RIGHT WAY'

Cast - Kanji 30 - Madhu 28 - Gngaba 55 - Kusumben 35.

Gangaba's HouseScene 1

(Gangaba is not at home. Madhu, her son Kanji's wife is busy (rocking) swinging children inside. She comes out in the veranda and speaks).

Madhu : Hey, Dhabudi, come in, roaming for the whole day - can't set foot in the house at all, and wallowing in dirt! Should have been born donkeys! This boy is harassing me, but neither of you would not feel like swinging him - come in! (Picks up a bucket and put some vessels on the shelf)  
(Kanji comes and sits on the Charpoy).

Kanji : Do you hear me? These girls play in dirt, would not they be sick?

Madhu : (Comes out). Let them, I have been shouting, till my throat went sore, why did you come so late?

Kanji : I had some work. I told you. Where is mother?

Madhu : She has gone to Chanchimasi's place.

Kanji : Then sit here and listen. Our Rambhai's wife got that machine operation done.



- Madhu : Which operation?
- Kanji : Oh! here I have written it down (reads from a piece of paper) Lapara Scopy. Why? We talked about it.
- Madhu : Oh! yes. We want that operation. I don't want any more children. I had a son and a daughter - no more children. I have to consider my health also.
- Kanji : Right. I had been persuading you till now. Rambhai says there is nothing wrong with it just get it done.
- Madhu : But, I get frightened.
- Kanji : Why get frightened? It's such a small operation, you aren't going to die.
- Madhu : But I am nervous. How can I afford to lie in bed for so many days?
- Kanji : You don't have to lie in bed for many days. Now don't refuse. I have decided every thing.
- Madhu : You always hurry in every thing.
- Kanji : Then don't go, what do I care.

- Madhu : It is not that. But don't I have to understand every thing?
- Kanji : Who denies that. Go to Kusumben the nurse, she will explain every thing to you, then you won't feel frightened.
- Madhu : Kusumben knows me. She only told me to get this operation. (Thinks) But suppose I am operated.
- Kanji : Why suppose? You are going to be operated.
- Madhu : But listen. If I am operated our son is still very young. But suppose something goes wrong? May God bless him!
- Kanji : You do have to suppose quite a few things.
- Madhu : Don't interrupt. I just want to make sure that after the operation, even if one wants a child, one cannot have a child.
- Kanji : It's not that way. It is like man's operation, the veins are connected so that one can have a child.
- Madhu : Then it is good. We just don't want any more children but it is good to know, I will go tomorrow and fix it up (goes in-swings the child comes back sits near Kanji). But listen!

- Kanji : Are you going to suppose anything?
- Madhu : No, we may talk of every thing. But how would you persuade mother? She would not agree.
- Kanji : I have told Menabhabhi to persuade her. She is Chanchimasi's neighbour. In fact she must have persuaded her already.
- Madhu : Then it will be quite alright (chants) Hey, Dhabudi, come in, these girls are after my blood (Goes in) (Gangaba comes).
- Gangaba : (Sits) Oh God, these feet also do not obey.
- Madhu : Shall I get some water?
- Gangaba : No, I don't want water. But listen, how come you trying to get operated? You can't even lookafter just three children. Don't dare doing anything without my knowledge. (Madhu does not reply and goes away).
- Kanji : What is the matter mother? What did Menabhabhi tell you?
- Gangaba : What would she tell me? You must have told her. So she was telling me "Three children are quite a lot, get Madhu operated - don't interfere". I was so cross. I was about to tell her to mind her own business.

Kanji : But mother you do not understand.

Gangaba : I understand every thing. Trying to follow city women would not be good. People crave for children, and you want an operation to stop children. You have only three.

Kanji : You mean three are less? Three children and three of us. I can't make ends meet within my salary. We should follow the times. Many women have been operated from our village.

Gangaba : We don't want to do any thing those women do. Let these three grow up. Suppose something happens to anyone of them, you will repent.

Kanji : But mother this operation is such that, if one wants a child something can be done.

Gangaba : Don't fool me.

Kanji : Go and ask Rambhai, his wife got operated.

Gangaba : Did Maniba consent to that?

Kanji : Of course, otherwise she is more adamant than you.

Gangaba : I will go right now. Call these girls. Or they would again be sick (Goes).

- Madhu : I was so worried that she would not agree.
- Kanji : Maniba will take care of every thing. But go and see Kusumben tomorrow morning. Now, go and catch hold of those girls.
- Madhu : I will get them - if he cries just swing him (goes).

Scene 2

(Kusumben the nurse's house. She is combing her hair)

- Kusum : (Loudly) Reva, I will get late. Come and take the clothes for washing (Madhu enters).
- Madhu : Kusumben, can I come in?  
(Kusumben finishes combing - comes and sits)
- Kusum : Come, are you Madhuben? What brings you so early? Any child sick?
- Madhu : No. Children are fine. But I want to get that operation but I want to understand every thing first.
- Kusum : That means Laparoscopy.
- Madhu : Oh yes, but explain what that is. I want to know how it is done - My husband tells me to get it done - but I am frightened.

Kusum : Why get frightened? I will explain. There is a machine called Laparoscope. This machine puts a ring around the tube, which carries ovum to the uterus and closes it. There are no uterus stitches anywhere. Just the ring is inserted which stops pregnancy.

Madhu : But if they make me unconscious I would die, without becoming conscious.

Kusum : But that is not necessary - nor do you get a cut on the body. They give you an injection on that spot of operation making it numb and then operate.

Madhu : When do I get into the hospital, and when do I get out? I have three children and my mother-in-law is all alone.

Kusum : Oh, you go just a day before or on the same day early morning (to the hospital). Then stay for sometime after the operation and go back home.

Madhu : Then what about the stitches?

Kusum : There are no stitches - so you don't have to go again.

Madhu : But can I be operated?

- Kusum : When was your last child born?
- Madhu : My son is four months old.
- Kusum : Then it is fine. One can be operated six or more weeks after the delivery. Moreover not more than fifteen days should have passed after menstruation.
- Madhu : Anything more?
- Kusum : There should not have been any operation on your belly.
- Madhu : I have not had any.
- Kusum : There should be enough blood in the body - that you have. One also should not be pregnant - that you are not.
- Madhu : Now, I will come when you tell me to. We have decided. My mother-in-law did not agree. But now she has agreed.
- Kusum : Come day after tomorrow. But let me tell you what is to be done before and after the operation.
- Madhu : Please explain that to my mother-in-law.

- Kusum : This is your operation - so you have to take care. Before you come for Laparoscopy, you should not take any food, you can take tea, coffee or milk.
- Madhu : I will take milk and come. Then?
- Kusum : After the operation you cannot take any thing for six hours.
- Madhu : Not even water?
- Kusum : No, first twenty four hours after the operation you have to take only liquids. Next day you can take some light food and the third day you can take regular food.
- Madhu : I don't care for food. But I need milk - I am in the habit of it. Then?
- Kusum : You have to see that the dressing does not come off. For seven days or till they remove the dressing you cannot take bath.
- Madhu : How can one do without a bath?
- Kusum : You cannot take a bath - but you can clean the body by cloth dipped in hot water. For first five days you have to take some tablets also.



Madhu : But suppose the dressing comes off on its own?

Kusum : If the dressing comes off, if you bleed, if you have fever, difficulty in eating or if your jaws get locked, you should immediately go to the hospital.

Madhu : How can I remember all that? Please explain all this to my mother-in-law.

Kusum : (Loudly) Reva, come fast I am getting late.

Madhu : I will go now. I shall come day after tomorrow. Since there is no unconsciousness, or stitches I want to be operated. I cannot do without it. (Goes).