

in about 2½ years from, the commencement of construction works. The estimated costs is Rs. 2-59 crores including the cost of land and its development charges.

SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: May I know what is the present strength of beds in the various E.S.I.S. hospitals and what is the average need, according to the experience gained by the Department, yearly?

SHRI A. K. SEN: It is too wide a question to be answered. This is a specific question relating to a decision about a hospital of 900 beds. And the average need and so on should be the subject-matter of a separate question.

SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: This is very necessary to justify why a 900-bed hospital is necessary and, therefore, the question is absolutely relevant.

MR. CHAIRMAN: If you have the information, you may give it. If you do not have it, you may say so.

SHRI A. K. SEN: It was necessary because of the need of the locality. But the average experience for the whole country is a different matter altogether.

SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: I am not asking for (the whole country; I am asking for Delhi. And I would like to know where is the site of the new hospital.

SHRI JAGANATH RAO: About 31 acres, and it is on the Najafgarh Road in Delhi.

SHRI ARJUN ARORA: May I know if the cost of building these two hospitals will be met by the Employees State Insurance Corporation or the Government will contribute anything from its exchequer?

SHRI JAGANATH RAO: It is met entirely from the E.S.I. Corporation's funds.

SHRI D. THENGARI: Will the Government accept the principle that the number of beds should be determined according to the needs of the locality and, if so, may I know whether this has been followed in other centres also?

SHRI JAGANATH RAO: That is the principle, Sir, that is being followed.

SHRI A. D. MANI: May I ask the Minister how many persons are covered by the Employees State Insurance Scheme in the Delhi region? If a hospital of 900 beds is to be *rel* up, it must be justified on the basis of the number of persons who are the beneficiaries under the scheme. Further, may I ask him whether it is proposed to set up similar regional hospitals in the various regions of the country?

SHRI A. K. SEN: The number of people covered in the Delhi area is 82,000—a very large number—and I can assure the hon. Member, Sir, that this scheme was undertaken only with a view to meeting the need that this locality offeas.

♦566. [*The Questioner (Shri Ram Singh) was absent. For answer, vide col. 3736 infra.*]

t346. [*Withdrawn.*]

HELI-TAXI SERVICE

*56Y. SHRI R. K. BHUWALKA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Airlines Corporation is considering a proposal to introduce heli-taxi service to carry passengers from city to the airport in Calcutta and Bombay;

(b) if so, the detail thereof; and

(c) by when the scheme is likely to be introduced?

†Transferred from the 1st September, 1965.

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

श्री रामकुमार भुवालका : क्या मन्त्री जी बताएंगे कि यह सच है या नहीं कि डमडम हवाई पोर्ट केवल 10, 12 मील कलकत्ता सिटी से होते हुए भी 45 मिनट वहां जाने में लग जाते हैं, कभी कभी 50, 55 मिनट लगता है, जबकि कैरेवल में दिल्ली से कलकत्ता आने में दो घंटे लगते हैं ? क्या यह सच है ?

श्री राज बहादुर : यह तो करीब करीब सच्ची बात है ।

श्री राम कुमार भुवालका : क्या रशिया ने कुछ दिन पहले इंडियन करंसी पैमेंट में 16 सीटर हेलीकाप्टर को केवल 11 लाख रुपये में देने का आफर किया था और गत वर्ष अमेरिका ने हार्ड करंसी में 20 सीटर हेलीकाप्टर को 35 लाख रुपये में देने का आफर किया था ।

श्री राज बहादुर : आफर तो आया था ।

श्री रामकुमार भुवालका : क्या ए० आई० सी० कलकत्ता सिटी से डमडम पैसेजर्स को ले जाने और ले आने के लिए हेलीकाप्टर सर्विस का प्रयोग करने के बारे में विचार कर रहा है ।

श्री राज बहादुर : जी, उनसे पूछा गया है कि क्या ऐसा हो तो उन्होंने कहा कि बहुत नुकसान होगा, इसलिए उनका कोई इरादा नहीं है, अगर गवर्नमेंट चाहे कि एसी कोई सर्विस रखी जाय और उनको सबसिडी दे तो उनसे पूछ लिया जाय । गवर्नमेंट का अभी तो कोई ऐसा इरादा नहीं है ।

SHRI SANTOKH SINGH: Would it be possible to consider introducing a mono-rail system on the pattern of Tokyo, between the airport and Calcutta?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: This and other allied questions can be consi-

dered when we have got out of the present crisis.

SHRI BIREN ROY: Is it a fact that helicopier service between two places which are only about fifteen to twenty-miles distant and which are also being connected by high speed roadways has always proved to be completely useless in other countries?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: That is a fact, Sir.

MR. CHAIRMAN: He has replied to some one else's question.

SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: May I know whether it is a fact that the expensive experiment of running a helicopter service from Dum Dum to, say, the Maidan in Calcutta is not necessary now in view of a new road having been opened?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: Hon. Members are all very well informed.

*568. [The Questioner (Shrimati Devaki Gopidas) was absent. For answer vide col. 3736 infra.]

*569. [Postponed to the 20th September, 1965.]

*570. [The Questioner (Shri Guru-dev Gupta) was absent. For answer vide col. 3737 infra.]

SUGAR EXPORTS

*571. SHRI JAGAT NARAIN: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have entered into sugar export agreements with the United Kingdom, United States of America and Canada for the year 1965;

(b) if so, the amount of sugar to be exported to each of these countries;

(c) the terms of the agreement; and