

RAJYA SABHA

Thursday, the 7th April, 1960/the 18th Chaitra, 1882 (Saka)

The House met at eleven of the clock, Mr. CHAIRMAN in the Chair.

MEMBERS SWORN

Shri T. S. Pattabiraman (Madras)

Shri T. Srinivasan (Madras).

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

WORKING JOURNALISTS OF THE 'HINDUSTHAN STANDARD' DELHI

*21. SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Working Journalists of the 'Hindusthan Standard', Delhi, had filed claims with the Delhi Administration in November, 1959 requesting that the paper be classified as Class 'B' in line with its counterpart the 'Hindusthan Standard' of Calcutta;

(b) whether it is a fact that they have demanded payment of arrears according to Class 'B'; and

(c) whether any steps have been taken by Government in the matter, and if so, what?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI ABID ALI): (a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) Conciliation efforts having failed the matter has been referred to the Industrial Tribunal.

SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: May I know, Sir, when the matter was referred to the Tribunal?

SHRI ABID ALI: Early in March, Sir.

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SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: May I know, Sir, why the Delhi edition of the 'Hindusthan Standard' has not been put in the same class in which the Calcutta edition of the 'Hindusthan Standard' has been put?

SHRI ABID ALI: According to employers, Sir, it is a different company.

STERILITY TESTS OF ANTIBIOTICS AT PIMPRI FACTORY

*22. SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Quality Control Department of the Hindustan Antibiotics Ltd., Pimpri has again been placed under the control of the Superintendent of Research, and if so, since when; and

(b) how many batches of antibiotics were submitted for sterility tests in the months of January, February and March this year and how many of those were rejected?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Out of 261, 358 and 253 batches tested in January, February and March (upto 26th) 59, 57 and 67 batches respectively were rejected.

SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: May I know, Sir, whether any investigation has been made to find out as to why such a high percentage of rejections has taken place during these three months?

SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH: This is the normal rejection, Sir. After all, this quality control is meant for testing everything very rigidly and whatever is below standard is rejected and it is reprocessed.

SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: May I know, Sir, whether this rejection has been of this order during the period of penicillin production in that factory?