

(a) what is the total investment made in the construction of the building of the Central Hospital of the Mica Mines Labour Welfare Organisation at Karma together with its quarters; and

(b) what is the grade and qualification of the Medical Superintendent of the hospital?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR LABOUR (SHRI ABID ALI): (a) A sum of Rs. 9,10,430 was sanctioned.

(b) A statement showing the grade and qualifications prescribed for the post is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

(b) (i) *Grade* : Rs. 260-15-440-20-500 EB-50/2-750 plus Rs. 100 p.m. as non-practising allowance, plus dearness allowance at the Central Government rates. In addition rent free furnished quarters and free supply of electricity up to 30 units and water up to 6,500 gallons per month are provided.

(ii) *Qualifications*: Graduate in Medicine and Surgery of recognised University or equivalent.

(iii) About two years' experience of treatment of cases in all branches of medicine as Provincial Medical Officer in a State Government. Experience in a well established hospital with experience of an administrative or supervisory nature, desirable.

SHRI R. G. AGARWALA: What is the present salary of the doctor?

SHRI ABID ALI: I have mentioned that in the statement. As regards his present salary, the doctor is not there.

SHRI R. G. AGARWALA: May I know whether Government is justified in appointing such a junior officer for this big and important hospital?

SHRI ABID ALI: We have been writing to the Union Public Service Commission since 1954. The post was advertised and a selection was made but that person did not come. Another was selected but was found medically unfit and now a third person is being considered.

SHRI R. G. AGARWALA: Is Government aware that there is a lot of discontentment in the mica field about

the treatment of surgical and T. B. cases?

SHRI ABID ALI: Nothing of that kind, at least, has come to my notice.

DR. R. P. DUBE: What is the pay that is being paid to the doctor?

SHRI ABID ALI: All that is mentioned in the statement. The scale is Rs. 260-15-440. This goes up to Rs. 750 plus Rs. 100 non-practising allowance plus usual allowances. In addition, he gets a rent free furnished house and free supply of electricity up to 30 units and water up to 6,500 gallons per month.

DR. R. P. DUBE: What is the present pay of the incumbent?

SHRI ABID ALI: I gave a short history about it.

SHRI R. G. AGARWALA: For how long has there not been a lady doctor in the hospital and how long would it take before one is appointed?

SHRI ABID ALI: A person was recommended by the Union Public Service Commission and she was appointed but subsequently she resigned and went away.

HOSPITAL AT TISRI FOR MICA MINERS

*124. SHRI R. G. AGARWALA: Will the Minister for LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) when the recommendation for setting up a Regional Hospital at Tisri was made by the Mica Mines Labour Welfare Advisory Committee; and

(b) what progress has so far been made in this connection?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR LABOUR (SHRI ABID ALI): (a) In January 1954. The proposal was received by the Government in September 1954.

(b) Administrative approval for the construction of the Hospital was accorded in April 1955. The site has been selected. Plans and estimates have since been finalised, and financial sanction will issue shortly. The requirements of Staff have also been worked out.

SHRI R. G. AGARWALA: How long will it take to begin construction of the hospital?

SHRI ABID ALI: As I have submitted, the estimates have been finalised. These will be sent to the organisation which will invite tenders. I hope the construction will start soon.

SHRI B. K. MUKERJEE: What action has the Government taken to recruit medical officers to man this hospital?

SHRI ABID ALI: The senior officers will be selected through the Public Service Commission and others through the departmental selection committee.

SHRI B. K. MUKERJEE: The Public Service Commission has not already advertised for this post. So they will take two or three years after the building is completed.

SHRI ABID ALI: The building construction has not been started. We send the requisition sufficiently in advance. They take only 7 to 8 months and we hope that the selection will be made sufficiently in time.

KEY VILLAGE SCHEME

***125. SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN:** Will the Minister for FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the number of villages that are at present being served by the 'Key Village Scheme' in each State?

THE MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE (DR. P. S. DESHMUKH): Under the Key Village Scheme, 574 Key Village Units are functioning. Each Unit is designed to serve 500 breeding cows either concentrated in one village or spread over a few contiguous villages. The number of villages served by these units, therefore, depends upon the cattle population in and around these units and has not been assessed.

SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: Sir, I had asked in my question for the number of villages statewide.

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: I have got the statement. I am prepared to place it on the Table of the Sabha.

SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: May I know how far the State Governments are associated with this scheme in working it out?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: They are entirely entrusted to the State Governments for working it out.

SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: How far is the Central Government helping them monetarily?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: There is the scheme according to which we help. Sir, it would take a long time to give all the details, but they have been given in many places.

SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: What percentage of the expenditure is being met by the Central Governments?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: In many items it comes to 50 : 50, but we give certain grants for building and certain non-recurring grants.

SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: Who in the State is actually entrusted with this work?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: It is the Veterinary Department of the State which works out the whole thing and it is they who suggest the villages and they look after the villages.

SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: Are the local panchayats associated with this work?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: Not to my knowledge.

SHRI B. P. BASAPPA SHETTY: May I know if Government have introduced this key village scheme in Malnad area of South and if so in how many villages?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: I am sorry I have not such detailed information because the selection of villages and other things depend on the State Governments and I am sure the State Government concerned must have looked to the needs of the Malnad area.

SHRI H. C. DASSAPPA: May I know whether it is not a fact that this scheme has proved very successful?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: Yes, Sir, I am prepared to receive the compliment.

SHRI H. C. DASAPPA: If so, what is the plan for the next five years; how