

employees have been assured that the change will not result in any loss to them.

SHRI S. N. MAZUMDAR: Is it not a fact that the employees pointed out certain concrete aspects in which the decentralisation scheme will actually lead to increased overhead expenditure and delay in the disposal of claims?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: Sir, Government will bear it in mind definitely wherever the interests of the workers and the officials suffer, but so far as taking of administrative decisions on this matter or any other matters are concerned they are entirely in the discretion of Government.

BUILDING FOR GENERAL HOSPITAL AT BHUJ

*590. SHRI LAVJI LAKHAMSHI: Will the Minister for HEALTH be pleased to state whether there is a proposal to construct a building for the General Hospital at Bhuj?

THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR): The reply is in the affirmative.

SHRI LAVJI LAKHAMSHI: May I know when this proposal is going to take shape, when the building is going to start?

RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR: Plans and estimates have been approved and the work will be undertaken very shortly.

DR. W. S. BARLINGAY: Is the Central Government giving any grant for this purpose?

RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR: No, Sir, the expenditure as far as this hospital is concerned will be met from a donation of Rs. 4 lakhs that has been promised by Shri Moolraj Kersondas.

DR. W. S. BARLINGAY: Nothing is being given by the Central Government as a subsidy?

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Yes, she said so.

DR. D. H. VARIAVA: How many beds will be there?

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: It depends upon the size of the building.

RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR: I am sorry I do not know how many beds; I ought to know but I forget!

DR. W. S. BARLINGAY: What is the amount of subsidy or donation or whatever it is, which is being given to the hospital by the Central Government?

RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR: This donation was given for the buildings. Now the estimated cost of the building is Rs. 2,40,000.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: He wants to know whether the Central Government is giving anything.

RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR: There is no need to give anything for the building. Obviously the upkeep of the hospital will be recurring expenditure on the Government.

RAILWAY LINE BETWEEN CHITORE AND KOTAH

*591. DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted or is proposed to be conducted for the construction of a new railway line between Chitore and Kotah; and

(b) if so, when the construction of this railway line is likely to be taken up?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN): (a) A survey for this project was carried out in 1947.

(b) No final decision has been reached so far.