

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: That has been finished.

SHRI RAFI AHMAD KIDWAI: Their recommendations have not been accepted.

SUGGESTIONS OF THE INDIAN LABOUR CONFERENCE ON THE I. L. O. CONVENTIONS

*159. SHRI GOVINDA REDDY: Will the Minister for LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Labour Conference at Mysore made any suggestions with regard to the ratification of the conventions of the International Labour Organisation; and

(b) if so, what are the suggestions made?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR LABOUR (SHRI ABID ALI) : (a) and (b). It was suggested that more efforts may be made to give effect at least to the principles, if not the individual provisions, of the different Conventions and that the Government of India should examine the possibility of constituting a small Tripartite Committee which could draw up a programme of phased Implementation.

SHRI GOVINDA REDDY: May I know how many of the Conventions have been implemented—whether any have been implemented at all?

SHRI ABID ALI: Out of 103 Conventions, we have implemented 20, but I may add that non-ratification does not imply that our Government takes no action in respect of such Conventions. To whatever provisions of the various Conventions effect can be given here, it is being done. In the case of unratified Conventions, a report is submitted every year to the I.L.O.

SHRI GOVINDA REDDY: Does it relate to ratified Conventions? When is the Government going to ratify the other Conventions?

SHRI ABID ALI: With regard to the ratified Conventions, we have to submit

regular annual reports to the I.L.O. which are examined there by a Committee. With regard to the Conventions which are not adopted or ratified, the position is as I have just explained. As for the suggestion to ratify more Conventions, we are going to have a Tripartite Committee and action as has been mentioned in the Resolution passed at the Mysore Convention of the Indian Labour Conference will be taken.

SHRI GOVINDA REDDY: Has it come to the notice of the Government that the other countries of Asia are stealing a march over India in this direction?

SHRI ABID ALI: My feeling is that no country in Asia has ratified more Conventions than we have.

♦160. [For answer, vide cols. 1477-78.]

♦161. [For answer, vide col. 1478.]

HOSPITALS AND DISPENSARIES FOR THE COAL MINE LABOUR

*162. MOULANA M. FARUQI: Will the Minister for LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Government clinics and hospitals which are functioning for coal miners;

(b) the number of such hospitals started during the last two years; and

(c) the amount which Government are spending annually for providing health facilities to coal miners?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR LABOUR (SHRI ABID ALI): (a) Five hospitals, two dispensaries and one maternity block.

(b) One dispensary, two T. B. clinics and one maternity block.

(c) About Rs. 31 lakhs.

مولانا ایم - فاروقی : کیا گورنمنٹ
پہلے سے سنبھلتی ہے کہ چٹانے اسپتال کھولے
لگے ہیں، وہ وہاں کے مریضوں کی

بڑھتی ہوئی تعداد کے اعتبار سے کافی
ہیں؟

t[MouLANA M. FARUQI: Does Government think that the hospitals opened are sufficient in view of the increasing number of patients there?]

श्री आबिद अली : जहाँ जहाँ ये
अस्पताल खोले गये हैं वहाँ के मरीजों के
लिये काफी हैं, और दूसरे मुकामात पर
भी अस्पताल खोले जायेंगे।

•(SHRI ABID ALI: Wherever these
hospitals have been opened, they are
sufficient for the patients of those places.
Hospitals will be opened at other places also.)

مولانا ایم فاروقی : وہ کب کھلینگے
اور اس سلسلہ میں کتنا بجٹ منظور
ہوا ہے اور اس کی کیا امید ہے ؟

t[MouLANA M. FARUQI: When will they
be opened? How much budget has been
sanctioned and what has been the progress?]

श्री आबिद अली : हम तो हर साल नये
अस्पताल खोलना चाहते हैं और उसके
लिये हम जो करते हैं उसकी सालाना
रिपोर्ट कौंसिल आफ स्टेट्स के सैक्रेटरी-
यट में दाखिल कर दी जाती है, उससे
तफसीलात मालूम हो जायेगी। अगर
मेम्बर साहब ज्यादा तफसीलात चाहते हैं
तो वह अगर नोटिस देंगे तो हम वह भी
पेश कर देंगे।

t [SHRI ABID ALI: We want to open new
hospitals every year. The annual report of
what we do is sent to the Council of States
Secretariat, which gives the details. If the hon.
Member wants more details, he may give us
notice and we will supply them also.]

tEnglish translation.

مولانا ایم - فاروقی : کیا گورنمنٹ
کچھ ایسے ادارے اور انسٹی ٹیوشنس
کھول رہی ہے جن میں مزدوروں کی
صحت کے لئے آسانی مہیا کی جائے
تاکہ وہ بیمار کم پڑیں ؟

t[MOULANA M. FARUQI: Is
Government opening some such institutions
as may provide facilities to the labourers for
the improvement of their health?]

श्री आबिद अली : इसके लिये
कोशिश की जाती है और जहाँ जहाँ
इंतजाम हो सकता है किया जाता है और
उसको बढ़ाया भी जाता है। उनको सलाह
मस्विरा भी दिया जाता है और कहीं कहीं
वेलफेयर सेंटर्स की माफत उनको सिखाया
भी जाता है।

tLSHRI ABID ALI: Efforts are made for it
and wherever it is possible arrangements are
made and they are also extended. They are
given advice and at some places they are also
given instructions by Welfare Centres.]

DIWAN CHAMAN LALL: Is there any
proposal to extend the Health Insurance
scheme to the coal mines areas?

SHRI ABID ALI: Not at present.

DIWAN CHAMAN LALL: Is there any
technical difficulty or financial difficulty
which is preventing the Government from
extending the scheme to the coal mine areas?

SHRI ABID ALI: At present this particular
scheme is confined to workers in factories
and after some time we may think of
extending it to the coal mines as well.

SHRI S. M. HEMROM: After how long,
Sir?

(No reply.)

مولانا ایم-فاروقی : میرے کہنے کا یہ مطلب تھا کہ ان کے کوارٹرس کے درمیان میں ہی کچھ پارک وغیرہ ہوں اور اس طرح سے ان کو اچھی ہوا ملنے کی کوئی گنجائش ہو۔ اس طرح ان کے کھیلنے کودنے کا بھی زیادہ تر انتظام کیا جائے اور ان کے کوارٹر کو زیادہ ہوادار اور بہتر بنانے کا کوئی انتظام کیا جائے۔

[MouLANA M. FARUQI: What I meant was that there should be some parks and open space where their quarters are situated so that they may get fresh air. Similarly more arrangements should be made for sports and some steps should be taken to improve the quarters and to make them more airy.]

श्री आबिद अली : जी हां, उनके रहने के घर भी कई जगह अच्छे बने हुये हैं, बहुत सी जगह तो नहीं लेकिन थोड़ी सी जगह बने हुये हैं और बहुत से मुकामात पर ऐसे वेलफेयर सेंटर्स बनाये गये हैं जहाँ खेल कूद और मीटिंग वगैरह का इंतजाम किया गया है और पढ़ाई का भी इंतजाम किया गया है। बच्चों को नहलाने का भी इंतजाम किया गया है और जब मां काम पर जाती है तो उस वक्त उनके बच्चों के संभालने का भी इंतजाम किया गया है।

[SHRi ABID ALJ; Yes, at some places the living quarters are quite good. But these quarters have been built at only a limited number of places. Welfare Centres have, however, been established at many places where arrangements have been made for sports, meetings and for study. Arrangements have also been made for bathing children and for looking after them when the mother goes for work.]

fEnglish translation.

PSROF. G. RANGA: Is it a fact that a special cess fund is being kept for the welfare of coal mine labour and as such there are plenty of funds and some of the pre-requisites necessary for initiating health insurance are already there in the coal mines, and therefore is it not easier to implement the health insurance or social security schemes in the coal mines than in the other areas?

SHRI ABID ALI: This particular fund will not be sufficient for the sickness insurance scheme, and it is for the welfare, besides the sickness insurance. Some amount remains in balance every year and we are thinking of how to utilize that for the purpose of hospital and residential quarters and welfare centres. With regard to sickness insurance, I have already stated that after some time it will be taken into consideration.

DR. SHRIMATI SEETA PARMA-NAND: In view of the shortage of hospital accommodation for people in the coal mine areas, is Government prepared to take over the existing Homeopathic hospitals if they are handed over?

SHRI ABID ALI: It is a suggestion for action.

SHRI S. N. MAZUMDAR: Has Government undertaken any study as regards the incidence of sickness as a whole and also as regards the different diseases in coal mines?

SHRI ABID ALI: I am not able to say off-hand. If the hon. Member gives notice, I will be glad to collect information and place it here.

SHRI S. N. MAZUMDAR: It seems that the question of extending health insurance to coal mines is not at all in the mind of the Government.

(No reply.)

SHRI S. N. HEMROM: The hon. Minister said that after some time the scheme would be extended to tht.- coa* mines. May I know aft»r how long*

SHRI ABID ALI: It is not possible to indicate any time.

**HEALTH INSURANCE SCHEMES FOR
GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES**

♦163. MOULANA M. FARUQI: Will the Minister for HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to start a compulsory health insurance scheme for all Government employees; and

(b) if so, how the scheme is to be financed?

THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR) : (a) Government have decided to introduce a Contributory Health Service Scheme for Central Government servants employed and residing in Delhi and New Delhi.

(b) The scheme is to be financed from the revenues of the Central Government as well as from contributions from Central Government servants who will benefit by the Scheme.

مولانا ایم - فاروقی : کب تک یہ

اسکیم پوری طرح پر جاری ہو جائے گی؟

t [MOULANA M. FARUQI: When will this Scheme be fully introduced?]

TMOULANA M. FARUQI: Will the burden of the insurance premium fall on the employees or on the Government?

राजकुमारी अमृत कौर : मैं कोशिश में
t[RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR: I am trying to introduce it from the 1st of April.]

مولانا ایم - فاروقی : انشورنس کا

جو پوری مہم دیا جائیگا اسکا بھار

ایمپلائیز کی جہوں پر پڑیگا یا گورنمنٹ پر پڑیگا؟

राजकुमारी अमृत कौर : जी नहीं, कुछ तो इम्पलाईज देंगे और बाकी गवर्नमेंट देंगी।

t [RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR: No, Sir. A part of it will be paid by the employees and the rest by the Government.]

SHRI GOVINDA REDDY: What would be the contribution from the employees and from the State respectively?

RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR: The contribution varies from rupees twelve a month to annas eight a month.

SHRI GOVINDA REDDY: Some amount from the Government also?

RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR: The Government contribution cannot be reckoned in that way. The Government will subsidise what is left to be subsidised.

DR. W. S. BURLINGAY: Is this matter also being considered by any of the State Government?

RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR: I have received many enquiries from the State Governments. They are anxious to see how the scheme works and they are definitely interested in it.

SHRI B. C. GHOSE: Does it apply only to the Central Government employees in Delhi and New Delhi or to the Central Government employees stationed in any place in India?

RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR: At the moment only to the Central Government employees in Delhi and New Delhi.

SHRI B. C. GHOSE: What is the reason for this differentiation as between Central Government employees located in Delhi and New Delhi * and other places?

RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR: This is a new venture and it was thought best to try it here for two years and then extend it if it is a success, as I hope it will be.

tEnglish translation-