

possibility of enhancing financial component of their support. In addition to above, CAPFs and AR have their own welfare schemes and funds which are raised at force level to look after the needs of personnel and their families.

**Multi Speciality Hospital in Doddaballapura**

572. SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the ESIC has accorded permission to commission 100 bedded Multi Speciality Hospital in Doddaballapura Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board (KIADB) industrial area; and

(b) if so, when will the project be commissioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) Yes, Sir. ESIC has approved setting up of a 100 bedded ESI Hospital at Doddaballapura.

(b) ESIC has requested the Government of Karnataka to convey the decision to run the proposed 100 bedded ESI Hospital at Doddaballapura by the State Government. Action for construction will be initiated after receiving the decision of the State Government.

**Silicosis disease among labourers in Chhattisgarh**

†573. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of 'Silicosis' cases which come to light throughout the country in the last three years and concrete steps taken to protect labourers from dust released by mines and factories;

(b) the names of welfare schemes for the labourers working in the mines and factories which cause silicosis disease among them and the aid provided to such labourers in the last three years under such schemes;

(c) the number of deaths caused by this disease in Bemetara district of Chhattisgarh in the last three years; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) One case of silicosis

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.