

**Shri S. M. Banerjee:** May I know whether the Government of India is likely to issue instructions to the Himachal Pradesh authorities not to implement their rules to the detriment of the workers till the rules mentioned by the hon. Minister are framed?

**Shri Hathi:** In fact, we have sent a set of model rules to all the States and we have issued instructions that these model rules should be followed. Himachal Pradesh also will be included.

**Shri S. M. Banerjee:** My question was .....

**Mr. Speaker:** The question is, would the Government ask the Himachal Pradesh Government not to act on their own but act on the model rules of the Central Government or those that are going to be framed?

**Shri Hathi:** Yes, Sir. So far as Himachal Pradesh is concerned, we have asked them to have the rules under the Act as sent by us.

**Shri Ansar Harvani:** In view of the fact that there are no railways in Jammu and Kashmir and motor transport is the only means of transport there, does the Government propose to make any recommendation to the Government of Jammu and Kashmir to have a similar Act there?

**Shri Hathi:** The Act does not apply there.

श्री भक्त बर्शन : श्रीमन्, मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि जिन राज्यों में मोटर मजदूरों का कानून पूरी तरह से लागू हो गया है, वहाँ उसपर अमल करने में कोई कठिनाई तो नहीं आई है या इसके बारे में कोई शिकायत तो गवर्नमेंट के पास नहीं पहुँची है ?

श्री हाथी : अभी तक तो कोई नहीं आई ।

**Shri K. N. Pandey:** May I know the composition of the machineries in the different States and the duties entrusted to them?

**Shri Hathi:** The Chief Inspector is there and then there are the inspectors who have to look to the implementation of the Act. It is all provided in the Act itself.

#### Hospitals under Employees' State Insurance Scheme

**\*700. Shri Indrajit Gupta:** Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that only 246 hospital beds are available in Calcutta and Howrah for 2.5 lakhs of workers insured under the Employees' State Insurance Scheme;

(b) reasons for the continued delay in construction of separate hospitals for the insured workers;

(c) whether it is proposed to bring another 3.5 lakhs of workers under the scheme in Hooghly and 24 Parganas districts; and

(d) if so, how the need for adequate hospitalisation facilities is proposed to be met?

**The Minister of Labour in the Ministry of Labour and Employment (Shri Hathi):** (a) 506 beds (296 general, and 210 T.B.) are available.

(b) Initially, the delay was mainly due to certain administrative difficulties and difficulty in acquiring suitable land in the crowded city of Calcutta and its suburbs. However, construction of two hospitals has progressed considerably and construction of two others has already commenced. Proposal to purchase National Medical Institute Building for use as hospital is also under consideration of the Government.

(c) Yes.

(d) By reserving additional beds in hospitals and utilization of the Employees' State Insurance hospitals which are under construction and those proposed to be constructed.

**Shri Indrajit Gupta:** Since we have been hearing for the last two or three

years that hospitals are going to be constructed, may I know whether any firm date-line has been fixed by which these hospitals are expected to be ready and what will be the total number of beds available?

**Shri Hathi:** The two hospitals that are under construction will be ready by August, 1963, and the number of beds, I believe, would be about 200 in the two hospitals.

**Dr. Ranen Sen:** May I know whether the attitude of the West Bengal Government in respect of separate hospitals was one of the reasons for not having separate hospitals in West Bengal?

**Shri Hathi:** There were certain discussions originally. But now we have had discussions with the Labour Minister, also with the Chief Minister, and they have taken earnestly to the various procedures for acquiring land, etc.

**Shri A. C. Guha:** May I know at what stage is the negotiation for the purchase of the Calcutta National Medical College Hospital?

**Shri Hathi:** I think that is being negotiated.

#### Import of Refrigerators

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\*701. { **Shri Subodh Hansda:**  
       **Shri S. C. Samanta:**  
       **Shri B. K. Das:**  
       **Shri M. L. Dwivedi:**

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether import of refrigerators has been completely stopped;

(b) if not, what percentage is still imported and from which countries;

(c) how many licences have till now been issued to private manufacturers for the manufacture of these refrigerators;

(d) what is the total output from these factories;

(e) whether there is any foreign collaboration; and

(f) if so, whether all the factories have the collaboration?

**The Minister of International Trade in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah):** (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The imports of refrigerators are totally banned.

(c) to (f). Eight firms have been licensed out of which five firms are in production. Their total production during 1961 and 1962 (January-June) is 9725 Nos. and 5892 Nos. respectively. Out of these five firms under production, there is foreign collaboration in case of two firms.

**Shri Subodh Hansda:** May I know whether these refrigerators now manufactured in our country are totally made out of indigenous materials or materials are also imported?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** There are some components like the cold drawn copper tubes and sealed compressors, which are imported. The rest are made in India.

**Shri Subodh Hansda:** The hon. Minister stated that there is foreign collaboration, with two firms. May I know the nature of this collaboration, whether it is technical or financial?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** Mostly it is technical collaboration. But some royalty payments also have to be made.

**Shri B. K. Das:** How does the price of the indigenous refrigerator compare with the price of imported refrigerators?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** For many years, we have been using the indigenous refrigerators so we are not quite familiar with foreign prices. They are 25 per cent. higher in price than the imported ones.

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