

10. Timber; and
11. Whitewash.

Out of the above, Antimonial Lead, Bitumen, Hessian, Timber and Whitewash are being obtained from indigenous sources. As regards steel tape, only 15 per cent. of requirements are being obtained from indigenous sources. There is no indigenous supplier for copper and insulating paper and paper strings so far. For paper and paper strings, several indigenous manufacturers were approached in this connection and the samples received have not been found suitable. Efforts are being made to find indigenous source for Polythene Washers and granules also. As regards other raw materials, no indigenous sources have yet been loca'ed so far.

Shri R. C. Majhi: May I know when the construction work for the manufacture of co-axial cables will be completed? Also, when will production begin?

Shri Manubhai Shah: We expect production to initially start in June this year.

Shri R. C. Majhi: What will be the rate of production of co-axial cables per year?

Shri Manubhai Shah: That will be known as soon as the machinery is tested. But it is about 300 miles per year.

Shri S. C. Samanta: As regards steel tape, only 15 per cent is available from indigenous sources. May I know whether the manufacturers have demanded any help from the Central Government in this regard?

Shri Manubhai Shah: No, here the question is to get the right type of raw material in the form of metal. Therefore, it is not worthwhile to get the metal for preparing the strips. Hence the necessary strips for the cable are being imported.

Employees' State Insurance Corporation Hospital at Calcutta

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*1426. { Shri Tangamani:
 Shri S. M. Banerjee:
 Shri Ram Krishan
 Gupta:
 Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:

Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 389 on the 27th November, 1959 and state the nature of progress made so far in the construction of a Hospital in Calcutta by Employees' State Insurance Corporation?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Labour and Employment and Planning (Shri L. N. Mishra): A plot has been selected for the hospital in 24 Parganas. Plan and estimate are under preparation. Acquisition of plots for other hospitals has also been taken up.

Shri Tangamani: On the last occasion, we were told that the premises of the Sagar Dutt Hospital in 24 Parganas had been earmarked and the plot had been chosen. May I know whether the plot has been acquired?

Shri L. N. Mishra: The plot has been acquired. We are proposing to have 100 beds in the Sagar Dutt Hospital.

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: May I know what would be the bed strength of this hospital?

Shri L. N. Mishra: In Calcutta, there will be 8 to 10 hospitals. The Sagar Dutt Hospital will have 100 beds.

Shri Tangamani: How long will it take for this hospital to be completed and the beds to be installed, because...

Mr. Speaker: No 'because' is necessary. He will answer it, whether it is 'because' or otherwise. He is bound to say when it will be completed.

Shri L. N. Mishra: The construction is to be taken up by the State Government. It will be difficult for us to give any exact time.

Shri Tangamani: Is it not a fact that the ESI Corporation had decided more than two years ago that the hospital should be set up? If so, why has there been so much delay?

Shri L. N. Mishra: We propose to have a number of hospitals at a number of places. There have been delays because land has not been available and building materials have also not been available. But now we have drawn up a time-schedule and we expect that during the Second Plan period, many hospitals will come up.

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: We were told that some constitutional objections were raised by the West Bengal Government. Have these been examined and a decision arrived at?

Shri L. N. Mishra: That has been straightened.

Shri Aurobindo Ghosal: In view of the fact that one lakh workers are working in the Howrah district, may I know whether any hospital will be set up in Howrah? This hospital is only in the 24 Parganas district.

Shri L. N. Mishra: There are a number of hospitals to be provided in West Bengal. So far as Howrah is concerned, I have not got information at present. But I believe there is provision for a hospital there also.

Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: May I know whether there is any proposal to set up such hospitals under this scheme in other parts of the country?

Shri L. N. Mishra: There must be. But I cannot give the exact details.

Dr. Sushila Nayar: Is it a fact that administrative difficulties on the part of the State PWD are primarily responsible for the delay in the construction of the hospitals? If so, is there any proposal that the ESI Corporation themselves take up such construction directly like the LIC?

Shri L. N. Mishra: The question was discussed at the last meeting of the State Labour Ministers. Some ways have been found out to expedite the construction. So far as construc-

tion work being taken up by the Corporation is concerned, it has not yet been decided.

Shri Tangamani: This question refers to the Sagar Dutt Hospital. The hon. Parliamentary Secretary has stated that these hospitals will be completed by the end of the Second Plan period. Are we to take it that this particular hospital in the 24 Parganas also will be completed during the Second Plan period?

Shri L. N. Mishra: I cannot say. But as I said, most of the hospitals are coming up during the Second Five Year Plan period. So far as the Sagar Dutt Hospital is concerned, land has been acquired and other preliminaries have been completed. Construction will start very soon.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: Since the construction of this hospital is likely to take some more time, I want to know the number of beds reserved in the existing hospitals in Calcutta, and the places where the hospitals are.

Shri L. N. Mishra: It is a fact that pending the construction of the hospitals, we have made reservation of beds in the existing civil hospitals in Calcutta. We propose to reserve in the R. G. Kar Medical College, Calcutta (100 beds), Mayo Hospital, Calcutta (50 beds) and the Calcutta National Medical Institute (100 beds) etc. for new areas.

Matinee shows in Delhi Cinemas

*1427. **Shri A. M. Tariq:** Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chief Commissioner of Delhi has issued order which prohibits children under 18 years of age to see matinee shows of cinemas on all days except Saturdays and Sundays;

(b) if so, whether the parents have lodged a protest against the above order for the inconvenience caused to them; and