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Friday, 9th August, 1957

*The Lok Sabha met at Eleven
of the Clock*

[MR SPEAKER in the Chair]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Displaced T. B. Patients

*740. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Rehabilitation and Minority Affairs be pleased to state

(a) the amount sanctioned as assistance to displaced T B patients from East Pakistan during 1956-57,

(b) how many patients received regular hospital treatment, and

(c) how many could not be accommodated in hospitals for want of seats?

The Minister of Rehabilitation and Minority Affairs (Shri Mehr Chand Khanna). (a) Rs. 25 72 lakhs

(b) 743 patients

(c) 1313 patients

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know in what way those patients who could not get admission in the hospitals were helped?

Shri Mehr Chand Khanna: It is not possible to provide hospitalisation for practically every T B patient. For those whom we cannot admit in hos-

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pitals, we try to give them some aid outside, both to the family as well as to the person concerned

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know what was the amount of assistance given in this form to persons who could not get accommodation in the hospitals?

Shri Mehr Chand Khanna: I think, to the family we give Rs 45 per month and to the person who is affected by this disease about Rs 20. It comes to Rs 65 per family.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know whether the hon Minister has received any application or request to the effect that some T B beds should be attached to one hospital in Cooch-Bihar so that the East Bengal refugees that are living in North Bengal may be benefited?

Shri Mehr Chand Khanna: If the hon Member is referring to the segregation hospital in Cooch-Bihar, I visited it about four or five months ago and request was made to me, but that request has not been endorsed by the State Government.

Shri Hem Barua: In view of the fact that there are about 5 lakhs of East Pakistan refugees in Assam, have the Government made any arrangement for segregation hospitals in that State?

Shri Mehr Chand Khanna: At the moment we have got 670 beds. Our idea is to increase the number to 1500. Assam will have its due share.