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HOUSE OF THE PEOPLE

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The House met at a Quarter to Eleven of the Clock

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

T. B. AMONG COAL MINES WORKERS

*583. **Sardar Hukam Singh:** Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey was undertaken to find out if the incidence of T.B. among coal mines workers was greater than that among other industrial labour; and

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative, whether there are any T.B. clinics attached to the hospitals for miners?

The Minister of Labour (Shri V. V. Giri): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise. I may however add that buildings for the T.B. Clinics for the Jharia and Raniganj coalfields have been completed at a cost of Rs. 1,25,000 each, and each clinic will have 8 beds. The necessary equipment is being obtained and the staff is being appointed. They are located adjacent to the original hospitals at Katras and Searsole. It is expected that the clinics will start functioning very soon.

Sardar Hukam Singh: May I know whether any survey is proposed to be undertaken in the near future?

Shri V. V. Giri: After these are established, a survey will be undertaken.

Sardar Hukam Singh: In the absence of a sufficient number of clinics, is there any visiting team going round and giving B.C.G. vaccination?

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Shri V. V. Giri: There is also that proposal, and it will be taken up after these clinics are established.

Sardar Hukam Singh: May I know whether any foreigners were also invited to go round and advise us as to the programme that has to be undertaken for these coal mines?

Shri V. V. Giri: Not yet.

Dr. Rama Rao: Is any sanatorium run for the coal miners either by Government or the mine-owners?

Shri V. V. Giri: There is no sanatorium, but there are hospitals.

Dr. Rama Rao: Do Government contemplate starting any sanatorium for these miners or direct mine-owners to start even a single sanatorium anywhere in India?

Shri V. V. Giri: That depends upon the funds.

Shri Sarangadhar Das: Is any clinic proposed to be opened at Talcher coalfields?

Shri V. V. Giri: I would like to have notice.

Shri A. C. Guha: May I know if it is true that the building for the clinic in Jharia was completed some time back, and if so why has the starting of the clinic been delayed so long?

Shri V. V. Giri: It will be started immediately.

Shri A. C. Guha: My question was why there was delay in starting the clinic when the buildings have been completed.

Shri V. V. Giri: I cannot say. I have not got the information.

WITHDRAWAL OF WHEAT STOCKS

*584. **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state whether the Union Government had during the