

welfare of the mine workers, what other facilities have been so far provided?

The Minister of Labour (Shri V. V. Giri) : (a) A sum of about Rs. 20,94,000 was collected as welfare cess during the last four years from the Fenich Valley coalfield in the Chhindwara district and a sum of about Rs. 7,72,000 was spent on welfare measures in that area during the same period. The balance of about Rs. 13,22,000 is in reserve for further welfare measures in the same area.

(b) Other facilities provided for are :—

- (1) Posting of two Assistant Inspectors and one Inspector to attend to the welfare requirements on the spot.
- (2) Anti-malaria operations at an annual expenditure of about Rs. 83,000.
- (3) Grant of subsidy to colliery-owners who provide dispensary services in accordance with the specifications prescribed by the Fund at a rate not exceeding 8 pies per ton of coal or coke despatched from the collieries concerned.
- (4) Installation of an X-ray unit costing about Rs. 28,000 at the Hospital at Barqui.
- (5) Social education at a cost of about Rs. 3,000 per annum.
- (6) Grant of subsidy equal to 20 per cent. of the cost of construction subject to a maximum of Rs. 600 per house to the Colliery-owners who construct houses for the coal miners according to the plans and specifications prescribed by the Fund.

In addition to the above, the following welfare schemes are proposed to be implemented in the near future :—

- (i) Establishment of two multi-purpose welfare centres to provide educational and recreational facilities to the men, women and children in the coalfields at a cost of about Rs. 86,000.
- (ii) Installation of three radio sets with loud speakers.
- (iii) Establishment of a 30-bedded Regional Hospital cum maternity Centre at a cost of Rs. 5,50,000 non-recurring and Rs. 96,000 per annum recurring and an additional Maternity

Centre. Pending construction of the Hospital reservation of a few beds in the Hospital at Barqui will be made for the exclusive use of coal miners.

- (iv) Reservation of a few beds in the T. B. Sanatorium at Pendra Road for the exclusive use of coal miners.
- (v) Construction of 200 houses at Digwani at a cost of about Rs. 9,00,000.

CRECHES BUILT BY MINE OWNERS

***1699. Shri R. B. Shah:** Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under the Labour Welfare Act, creches were built by the mine owners of District Chhindwara in Madhya Pradesh, and the same are not being used by the mine workers; and

(b) if so, what is the reason therefor?

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

(b) Does not arise.

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अम मंत्री यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि (क) क्या यह सच है कि १४, दरियागंज, दिल्ली में स्थित सेवायोजनालय में हजारों लोगों को धूप और वर्षा में खड़े होकर प्रतीक्षा करनी पड़ती है और वे अपने आप को पंजीबद्ध नहीं करा पाते और जिस के फलस्वरूप उनको निराश लौटना पड़ता है ?

(ख) यदि सच है, तो सरकार इस विषय में क्या कार्यवाही करना चाहती है ?

The Minister of Labour (Shri V. V. Giri) : (a) and (b). A minimum covered accommodation has been provided at the Delhi Employment Exchange which is sufficient for normal requirements. Occasionally when there is a spurt of unemployment a large number of applicants arrive at the Exchange for registration and some inconvenience is caused on such occasions. Steps are being taken to meet the situation.