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HOUSE OF THE PEOPLE

Monday, 15th December, 1952

The House met at Ten of the Clock
[MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER in the Chair]
ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

CENTRAL HOSPITAL

*1164. **Sardar Hukam Singh:** Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction of a Central Hospital for Raniganj for the benefit of miners working in Bengal has been commenced; and

(b) when is this likely to be completed?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): (a) Yes.

(b) By the end of December, 1954.

Sardar Hukam Singh: May I know whether the Central Hospitals at Dhanbad and Raniganj cater only to the needs of the miners and their families or they attend to the general public also?

Shri Abid Ali: These are meant for the miners and their families and are not ordinarily open to outsiders.

Sardar Hukam Singh: May I know whether arrangements have been made in this hospital, or would be made in this hospital, for all specialised treatments and up-to-date cures?

Shri Abid Ali: Yes, Sir, would be made.

Sardar Hukam Singh: May I know whether there would be special wards for infectious diseases, tuberculosis and such other serious diseases?

Shri Abid Ali: Yes, Sir.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF SUGARCANE RESEARCH WORKERS

*1185. **Shri S. N. Das:** (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state whether the Indian Central Sugarcane Committee has organised an Annual Conference of sugarcane research workers as a normal feature of its activities?

(b) How many such conferences have been held so far?

(c) How is the expenditure of such a conference met?

(d) Do the Central Government contribute to the fund?

(e) Where is the next conference going to be held?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) Yes.

(b) One.

(c) By the Indian Central Sugarcane Committee.

(d) No. There is no such Fund for the purpose.

(e) No venue has been fixed yet.

Shri S. N. Das: May I know what is the average expenditure on this Conference?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: This Conference did not cost us anything. The total expenditure that was incurred on this Conference amounted to Rs. 3038, out of which Rs. 2717 was for printing charges and the other Rs. 321 for contingent expenditure.

Shri S. N. Das: May I know in what State the first Conference was held?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: This was the first of its kind.

Shri S. N. Das: When was it held?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I am sorry that just at the moment I have not got the date.