

Home Guards

**144. Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:
Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:**

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state

(a) whether Government propose to raise the strength of Home Guards Force in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Vidya Charan Shukla): (a) There is no such proposal under consideration at present.

(b) Does not arise.

Employees State Insurance Scheme

**145. Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:
Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:**

Will the Minister of Labour and Rehabilitation be pleased to state:

(a) whether T.B and eye diseases are on the increase among the industrial workers who come under the Employees State Insurance Scheme,

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to check the increase of these diseases?

The Minister of Labour and Rehabilitation (Shri Jaisukhlal Hathli): (a) (a) The incidence of Tuberculosis during the Third Five Year Plan (1961-66) has been more or less static.

For diseases of the Eye, there has been slight steady increase during this period

(b) Details are as follows:—

Incidence of Sickness per thousand insured persons in respect of—

Year	T.B. of respiratory system.	T.B. other forms	Diseases of eye
1961-62	10.0	3.6	88.6
1962-63	12.4	5.2	96.0
1963-64	12.6	4.9	97.1
1964-65	13.6	5.3	98.0
1965-66	12.8	4.7	101.8

(c) (i) Tuberculosis. The following measures are taken—

Preventive measures.—Mass miniature radiography, tuberculin test and B.C.G Vaccination.

Curative measures.—T.B. Specialists are appointed under the Scheme in the diagnostic centres/specialist centres Separate T.B. Clinics are being established under the Scheme for an insurable population of 50,000 or more.

In-patient treatment.—T.B. patients are given in-patient treatment in E.S.I. T.B Hospitals/Annexes or in the beds reserved in the T.B. Hospitals/wards of the State Governments and other hospitals

Domiciliary treatment.—Is being given under the ESI Scheme so as to reduce pressure on the Hospitals beds.

(ii) Diseases of Eye: Eye specialists are available under the ESI Scheme in all implemented areas and all cases needing specialist-check-up and treatment are referred to them. Beds for in-patient treatment are arranged in the ESI Hospitals and State Government Hospitals

The insured persons are also provided with spectacles at the sole cost of the Corporation if there is impairment of vision due to employment injury

Employment Situation in the Country

**146. Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:
Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:**

Will the Minister of Labour and Rehabilitation be pleased to state:

(a) the latest figures regarding