

Air Technical Team

840. { Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:
Shri Vishwanath Pandey:
Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 669 on the 1st April, 1963 and state:

(a) whether a copy each of the report submitted by the Joint U.S. Commonwealth Air Technical Team to their respective Governments has been received;

(b) if so, whether they have been considered; and

(c) the result thereof?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Y. B. Chavan): (a) The Joint U.S. Commonwealth Air Defence Team has submitted a combined report of which copies have been received.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The suggestions made by the Team have been examined and wherever acceptable, they will be implemented. Steps have been taken to strengthen India's air defence. The attention of the Hon'ble Member is also invited to the Press Note issued

by the Ministry of External Affairs on 22nd July, 1963 regarding Joint Training Exercises and the supply of radar installations and connected communications equipment from friendly foreign countries.

E.S.I.C. Hospitals in Kerala

841. { Shri Vasudevan Nair:
Shri Warrior:
Shri M. N. Swamy:

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

(a) the number of hospitals built in Kerala so far under the Employees' State Insurance Scheme; and

(b) the total expenditure incurred in this connection?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Labour & Employment and for Planning (Shri C. R. Pattabhi Raman): (a) and (b). No hospital has so far been built in Kerala under the Employees' State Insurance Scheme. A 24-bedded annexe has, however, been constructed in the T.B. Hospital, Pulayanarcotta Trivandrum, at an estimated cost of Rs. 45,000. It is also proposed to construct 5 hospitals at other places under the Scheme as per details given below:

Sl. No.	Name of the Hospital	No. of beds	Estimated cost of construction	Present stage
1	E.S.I. Hospital, Mulankunnathukavu.	116 T.B. beds	Rs. 13.98 lakhs	Possession of land was taken by the State Government on 24-1-63.
2	E.S.I. Cottage Hospital, Alleppey	35 General beds.	Rs. 8.45 lakhs	Site has been selected and acquisition proceedings are in progress.
3	E.S.I. Cottage Hospital, Asramam	50 General beds	Rs. 8.43 lakhs	Possession of land was taken by the State Government on 25-1-63.
4	E.S.I. Cottage Hospital, Cherunnur.	50 General beds	Rs. 10.47 lakhs	Site has been selected and acquisition proceedings are in progress.
5	E.S.I. Hospital, Udyogmandal.	120 General beds.	Estimates not yet received from the State Government.	Site has been selected and acquisition proceedings are in progress.