

**EPF and ESI Outstanding Against
Hindustan Samachar**

217. SHRI K. RAMAMURTHY:
SHRI RAJVEER SINGH:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount outstanding against 'the Hindustan Samachar', New Delhi, on account of Employees Provident Fund and Employees State Insurance Scheme;

(b) the action taken for recovery of the amount during the last three years; and

(c) the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN):

(a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Shortage of Homoeopathic Drugs

218. SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD:
Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is a shortage of Homoeopathic medicines such as Diacard, Mother Tinctures, Dilutions, Bio-chemics and ointments etc. in the CGHS Homoeopathic Dispensaries in Delhi;

(b) if so, since when these medicines are not available in the dispensaries;

(c) the steps Government propose to meet the requirements of the dispensaries?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NILAMANI ROUSTRAY): (a) to (c). Most of the Homoeopathic medicines are available in CGHS Homoeopathic dispensaries/units function-

ing under CGHS, Delhi. Though compound Diacard is not available for the last three months yet all the four components of this item are available in CGHS Homoeopathic dispensaries/units. There are 115 Mother Tinctures, 824 Dilutions, 40 Bio-chemists & 16 ointments, majority of which are available. Supply of some of the non-available items has already been received which will be released immediately on receipt of Analytical test reports from Laboratories. Orders for supply of remaining items have also been placed with the registered firms.

12.00 hrs.

[*Translation*]

(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: All of you please take seats. If you do not take your seats, I would not listen to you.

(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: Please take your seat. I have not allowed you to speak.

(*Interruptions*)

[*English*]

MR. SPEAKER: I am not hearing you. You please do take your seat. Mr. Chidambaram to speak now.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM (Sivaganga): Mr. Speaker, Sir one MLA was kidnapped two days ago in Andhra Pradesh. Yesterday, another MLA belonging to the Congress (I) has been kidnapped. Another MLA has been attacked by the People's War Group. In Punjab a ransom note for Rs. 20 lakhs has been received... (*Interruptions*) In Berhal also, one young boy was kidnapped ten days ago. Last night, an eminent Physician in Amritsar, Dr. Ved Gupta has been kidnapped.