

such a conclusion that the incidence is on the increase because the data is so limited. It refers to so few places, it does not cover a long enough period. Therefore, the answer was that we were not in a position to say exactly how the rate has varied.

**Shri Muhammed Elias:** May I know how many patients have been treated up till now under the Employees' State Insurance scheme since the scheme came into existence, and how many are on the waiting list for hospitalisation?

**Shri Abid Ali:** If the hon. Member gives separate notice, the information will be collected and supplied.

**Shri V. P. Nayar:** May I know whether the Ministry has any scheme for mass radiography or tuberculosis test of industrial workers in cities where the population has more of industrial workers?

**Shri Abid Ali:** The arrangement provided at present has been mentioned in the statement.

**Shri B. S. Murthy:** May I know whether each industry is being separately taken up for investigation of the incidence of T. B.

**Shri Abid Ali:** Information is collected on the basis of the T. B. patients attending the hospitals which are managed by us.

**Shri Achar:** Is it a fact that not only with regard to the industrial workers but with regard to others also T.B. is on the increase?

**Mr. Speaker:** The question is only with regard to industrial workers.

**Shrimati Renu Chakravartty:** What is the number of T. B. beds which have been either reserved or increased in the local hospitals by the Employees' State Insurance in India?

**Shri Abid Ali:** That is mentioned in the statement.

**Shri Tangamani:** In regard to the Employees' State Insurance scheme,

the statement only says that persons who are in regular employment for three years are given this benefit. No further particulars are given as to the number of beds etc.

**Shri Abid Ali:** If further information is wanted, I am prepared to give if notice is given.

**Mr. Speaker:** A separate question may be put.

#### Foundry Forge Project

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\*284. { Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri:  
Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha:  
Shri Heda:  
Shri Raghunath Singh:  
Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:  
Shri Jaganatha Rao:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 575 on the 27th November, 1957 and state:

(a) whether the negotiations for the establishment of a Foundry Forge Project have since been completed;

(b) if so, the name of the firm which will collaborate in this project and the terms and conditions offered to it;

(c) the location of the project;

(d) when the first stage of the project will be completed and the time by which it will go into production; and

(e) the estimated expenditure on this project?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) to (e). An understanding has been reached between the Government of India and Czechoslovakia about the terms of payment for the plant and machinery required to be imported for the foundry forge project, by which there will be no remittance in foreign exchange before April 1961. Discussions about the technical and financial details have started with representatives of M/s. Technoexport of Czechoslovakia.

As the plant is intended to supply castings and forgings of the Central Heavy Machine Building Plant (for which Ranchi has been under active consideration) it has to be set up in close proximity to it.

**Shrimati Ila Palchoudhri:** When will the foreign exchange component out of the estimated cost of Rs. 30 crores of this project have to be paid back, and how long will it take us to pay it back? Will the Czechoslovak firm bear the whole cost?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** The cost is to be borne only on a credit system, the first instalment thereof will be paid in April, 1961.

**Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha:** Apart from Czechoslovakia, may I know whether any offer has come from West Germany and Russia, and if so, whether their offer is going to be considered or not?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** It was as a result of considering all the offers—British, German, Russia and the Czechoslovak offer—the Czech offer was found to be the best and the lowest.

**Shri Jaipal Singh:** The hon. Minister just now stated that the site will be somewhere in Ranchi. May I know if it would be contiguous to the heavy machinery plant?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** Yes.

**Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha:** May I know how much percentage of this will be on a deferred payment basis, and how much we shall have to pay straightaway?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** Excepting items for Rs. 80 lakhs, the rest will be from Czechoslovakia on a deferred payment basis.

**Shri Heda:** May I know the total investment envisaged for the project and the production target for the next two years?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** As far as the financial side is concerned, as I have indicated in my main answer, discussions about the technical and finan-

cial details are being already held with the representatives of the Czech firm, and it will be too early to say what will be the exact nature of the financial outlay, but broadly speaking, the Indian component and the foreign component of the project together are likely to cost Rs. 30 crores.

Regarding the capacity, it is ultimately going to cater for 30,000 tons of grey castings, 28,000 of steel castings and 27,300 of steel forgings.

**Shri P. R. Ramakrishnan:** May I know the extent to which this will meet the requirements of the country and whether there is any possibility of putting up another small forge plant besides this?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** For the present, this is for catering to the Central Heavy Machine Building Plant which is meant for heavy machinery. Apart from that, it will also cater to the other requirements of the country, though it may not make it fully self-sufficient in all respects.

**Shri Ramanathan Chettiar:** Have Government under contemplation the putting up of another foundry forge plant in South India?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** No, Sir.

Coal Gas Plant in Delhi

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\*285. { Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:  
Shri Bhakt Darshan:  
Shri S. C. Samanta:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a Coal Gas Production Plant in Delhi to meet the fuel requirements of the city;

(b) if so, whether the scheme for the same has been prepared; and

(c) when is the plant likely to be set up?

**The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah):** (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.