

Furnace damaged in Khetri Copper Complex

5782. Shri **BASHWESHWAR NATH BHARGAVA**: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether brick lining in the Flash furnace has been damaged necessitating shut down of the Furnace and the Smelter Plant of Khetri Copper Complex;

(b) whether besides the above fact, management of Khetri Copper Complex proposed to shut down the smelter plant as concentrate was not available for feeding it at required capacity; and

(c) whether Khetri Mine is also under shut down, if so, the period for the shut down and reasons thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUKHDEV PRASAD). (a) and (b) It is not a fact that the Smelter Plant at Khetri has been shut-down because of damage to the brick lining or non-availability of copper concentrates. The trial production at the Smelter at Khetri commenced in November, 1974 and the Plant was formally inaugurated by the Prime Minister on 5th February, 1975 Ever since commissioning, the plant is working satisfactorily. In fact, during the month of March, 1975, a record production of 1017 tonnes of blister copper was achieved at the Khetri Smelter compared to 419 tonnes in the month of February and 803 tonnes in the month of January, 1975.

(c) No, Sir.

Reimbursement of claims by C.G.H.S. beneficiaries for treatment in Vallabh Bhai Patel Chest Institute, New Delhi

5783. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH GILL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of reimbursement of claims by C G H.S. beneficiaries for treatment at the Vallabh Bhai Patel Chest Institute, New Delhi are pending with the Government for long,

(b) if so, the reasons for the delay, and

(c) the time which is likely to be taken to finalise the claims?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI A. K. M. ISHAQUE) (a) Yes

(b) and (c) The Vallabh Bhai Patel Chest Institute, Delhi, was not charging C.G.H.S beneficiaries for tests, investigations and treatment earlier. But from 25th March, 1973, the Institute started charging for the cost of antigens. The C.G.H.S. authorities sought some clarification in this regard, which has since been given. The pending reimbursement claims are now being settled.

Payment to Patel Chest Institute, New Delhi for treatment of C.G.H.S. beneficiaries

5784. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH GILL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the question of drawing up of schedule of rates to be paid by Government to the Patel