

take over the Irwin Hospital by Government;

(b) whether the Delhi Municipal Corporation is resisting such a move; and

(c) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

The Minister of Health and Family Planning (Dr. Sushila Nayar): (a) to (c). There is no proposal to take over the Irwin Hospital by the Central Government. However, with a view to improving the administration and consequently the standard of clinical service and medical education, the Delhi Administration have constituted a Board of Management under the Chairmanship of the Chief Commissioner which will coordinate the working of the three connected institutions, namely, the Maulana Azad Medical College, the Irwin Hospital and the G. B. Pant Hospital. The Mayor of Delhi is a member of this Board.

Power Cuts in States

3350. Shri D. B. Raju: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) how many States in India have imposed cuts on the supply of electricity and power during 1965-66;

(b) how many States have collected the minimum prescribed yearly charges from agriculturists for the power connections given for agricultural purposes, even after imposing power cuts; and

(c) how many States, among those which imposed power cuts, are considering to give some remission for the minimum yearly charges already collected?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Fakhruddin Ahmed): (a) to (c). The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House as soon as possible.

Workers in Kolar Gold Fields

3351. Shri H. C. Linga Reddy: Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) the number of workers employed in the Kolar Gold Fields in Mysore State at present;

(b) the number of employees retrenched during the last three years either on account of the retrenchment or closure of mines;

(c) the alternative arrangements made and the employment potential created to employ the retrenched labourers and other surplus people in the area; and

(d) for how long the mines are likely to last with the present strength of the labourers in employment?

The Minister of Finance (Shri Sachindra Chaudhuri): (a) On 1-8-1966 the number of workers was 13,128.

(b) In the three years preceding 1-8-1966 no workers were retrenched.

(c) Messrs Bharat Earth Movers Ltd., a Government company, is constructing a factory there which may have an employment potential for 3,000 workers. This will be of help to workers leaving the Kolar Gold Mines by retirement or otherwise.

(d) On the basis of the proved ore reserves most sections of the mines should continue for 10 to 15 years. Further exploration to develop ore reserves is also taking place. However the strength of workers does not depend only on the ore reserves but is determined with reference to production techniques and other relevant factors.

Unemployed Sanitary Inspectors in Kerala

3352. Shri Mohammed Koya: Will the Minister of Health and Family Planning be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some Sanitary Inspectors who passed the