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| 1996 | October 25, 1996 | Rs. 81594.00/- (including Rs. 15674 paid in purchase of foreign exchange as DA+Hotel charges). |
| 1997 | November 24-28, 1997. | Rs. 1,13,950* (including Rs. 22750/- = US \$ 600 as DA). |
| 1998 | May 25-29, 1998. | Rs. 1,6999,118 (including Rs. 30500/- = US \$ 752.35 as DA+Hotel charges) |

* Excluding Hotel Charges.

[English]

ESI Hospital at Calicut

3906. SHRI P. SANKARAN : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that the works on super speciality ESI Hospital at Calicut is yet to be started; and

(b) if so, the time by which the work is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA) : (a) and (b) The Employees' State Insurance Corporation has decided to set up an Occupational Diseases Centre (ODC) at Calicut. As the project is at planning/conceptual stage, it is difficult to indicate precisely the time by which the construction work will be started.

Privatisation of Hindustan Latex Limited

3907. SHRI GEORGE EDEN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government chalked out any proposal for the privatisation of Hindustan Latex Limited, Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the employees in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI) : (a) and (b) Recommendation of the Disinvestment Commission in this regard is under consideration of the Government.

(c) Employees of the Hindustan Latex Limited have opposed privatisation of the company.

Power Crisis in NDMC Area

3908. SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether NDMC areas in Delhi are in the grip of power crisis since the past few days;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the high level officials or NDMC have totally failed to check the recurrence of power breakdown in the area particularly in Gole Market area; and

(d) if so, the immediate steps the Government propose to take to ensure availability of power in NDMC areas?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI) : (a) and (b) There is no power crisis as such in NDMC area. There were, however, occasional breakdowns and interruptions, which normally occur during the peak summer season, and these were attended to as quickly as possible.

(c) During the period from 25th June, 1998 to the 9th July, 1998, 751 "no-current complaints" were received from Gole Market area and attended to by the NDMC staff. However, in the case of D-Sector, Mandir Marg, New Delhi, there had been a persistent problem on account of electricity switch having tripped during the night of 2nd July, 1998. This was caused by a cable fault which has since been removed and power supply restored.

(d) The NDMC staff is posted round the clock in various Sub-Stations of NDMC area to attend to breakdowns and interruptions in the power supply.

Visit of Belgian President

3909. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the President of Belgian Association for Solidarity with Jammu and Kashmir visited Jammu and Kashmir and interviewed people in Jammu, Srinagar and Leh in October-November, 1997;