

The Beas Dam is still under construction and the oustees are to be settled in Rajasthan.

The river water is flowing down freely through the five tunnels. However, during floods, the level upstream may rise for short duration affecting about 4,000 families. Lands and properties in the tikkas likely to be affected have been acquired and compensation paid for,

Action to rehabilitate the oustees in Rajasthan is in hand. There has however, been some delay on account of divergence of views between Rajasthan and Himachal Pradesh on certain matters relating to eligibility of oustees for allotment of land in Rajasthan. Efforts are being made to resolve these issues.

IMPORT OF CRUDE OIL FROM SOVIET UNION

507. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH: Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state:

(a) whether he visited the Soviet Union in the first week of May, 1972, for obtaining supplies of crude oil from that country; and

(b) if so, the outcome of the discussions held there?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. It is not possible in the public interest to disclose the details of discussions at this stage.

RUNNING OF ELECTRIC TRAINS BETWEEN KRISHNAGAR AND LALGOLA STATION

508. SHRI SANAT KUMAR RAHA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government have any proposal under their consideration for running electric trains between Krishnagar and Lalgola railway station of Sealdah Division of the Eastern Railway; and

(b) if so, by when they are likely to be started ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

CONSTRUCTION OF BRIDGE OVER FARAKKA/FEEDER CANAL

509. SHRI SANAT KUMAR RAHA : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any representation from the public of Farakka West Bengal regarding the construction of a bridge connecting Panchulagram Sankarpur Road at R.D. No. 35/36 over Farakka Feeder Cannal and on some natural water drainage on both sides of the Feeder canal; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI BAIJNATH KUREEL) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As a ferry crossing had already been provided near Sankarpur at R. D. 35, the construction of a bridge there is not considered necessary. As regards drainage problem in the area, the matter is being looked into by the Technical Advisory Committee of the Farraka Project.

SUBSIDIZED HOSTELS FOR RAILWAY EMPLOYEES' CHILDREN AT UNIVERSITY CENTRES

510. SHRI V. V. SWAMINATHAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state whether Government are considering any proposal for providing subsidized hostels for the railway employees' children at the University centres, like Chidambaram having Annamalai University, Madurai having Madurai University and Coimbatore having Agricultural University ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) : No such proposal is under consideration.