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Thursday, September 12, 1963 | Bhadra  
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The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the  
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[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

### ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Mr. Speaker: Questions.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: No. 629.

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Dr. K. L. Rao): Sir, I suggest that Q. No. 635 may also be taken up along with Q. No. 629. It is on the same subject.

Mr. Speaker: Is Mr. Berwa there? Well, it may be answered.

#### Equipment from Soviet Union

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\*629. { Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:  
Shri Vishram Prasad:

Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether details have been finalised with Soviet Union for the supply of equipment for power units; and

(b) whether detailed Soviet reports on the Neyveli Thermal Power Station in Madras and the Obra Thermal Power Station in U.P. have been discussed by the experts of his Ministry?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Dr. K. L. Rao): (a) Yes, Sir; details have been finalised in respect of Neyveli Stage I, Korba, Pathratu thermal stations, and Bhakra Right Bank, Mottur Tunnel and Hirakud hydro electric schemes.

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(b) Detailed project reports for Neyveli Stage II and Obra power station have been received. Also technical discussions have been held with Soviet Experts. Prices of the equipment have yet to be settled for which a team of Soviet experts are expected here shortly.

#### Bhakra Dam

\*635. { Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:  
Shri Mate:  
Shri P. C. Borooah:  
Shri E. Madhusudan Rao:

Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether Soviet Russia has agreed to supply on credit the entire equipment for the 480,000 K.W. power plant to be constructed on the right bank of Bhakra Dam:

(b) if so, on what terms; and

(c) the progress so far made in the construction of the plant?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Dr. K. L. Rao): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

#### STATEMENT

(b) The contract for supply of four power generating units and other equipment and for technical assistance for the Bhakra Right Bank Power Station involving Rs. 5.6 crores in foreign exchange under the Russian credit was signed between the Soviet authorities and the Punjab State Electricity Board on the 3rd July, 1963. The amount of the Loan will be repaid in Indian Rupees by the Government of India within 12 years in equal