

disputed amount from 1-7-1950 to 1957 is about Rs. 85 lakhs.

Shri Supakar: Before the present temporary arrangement terminates in December, 1957, will the Government in reaching a fresh agreement with Pakistan, take into consideration our additional needs for water from the canals?

Shri Hathi: Certainly, yes. The needs of this country will be taken into consideration.

Shrimati Ua Palchoudhuri: Has Pakistan yet paid any of the money for the maintenance of the Madhopur and Ferozpur canal headworks to the Punjab Government?

Shri Hathi: As I said, there are two items, one disputed and the other undisputed. Undisputed items include this, and for that it has been paid.

Voluntary Cuts in Salary

*423. **Shri V. C. Shukla:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently some Telephone Department employees in the Raipur area offered to forego Rs 2 a month from their pay from July, 1957 as a token help towards the Second Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, whether this voluntary cut has been accepted; and

(c) from which date?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Humayun Kabir): (a) Yes. A report has been received that some officials belonging to the Telephone branch in Raipur have offered to forego Rs. 2 p.m. of their pay.

(b) and (c). This move on their part has been greatly appreciated and orders in this regard have been issued that intending contributors may either invest their contributions in the various National Savings Schemes as Post Office Savings Bank, 12-Year National Plan Savings Certificates, 10-Year treasury Savings Deposit Certi-

ficates, etc. or if outright donations to Government are preferred, the contributions may be deposited in the nearest treasury for credit to the Central Government.

Shri V. C. Shukla: This offer of voluntary cut was made in the month of July. On what date was it accepted, and on what date was the order accepting it issued?

Shri Humayun Kabir: The reference came to the Directorate on 1st October, 1957 but the orders accepting the offer could not be issued till certain administrative and other matters had been settled.

Shri Ansar Harvani: May I know whether officers in the salary group of above Rs. 1,000 have offered any voluntary cuts to the Ministry of Transport and Communications?

Shri Humayun Kabir: Not to my knowledge so far.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: May I know whether the National Federation of Posts and Telegraphs has suggested some economy measures to the Posts and Telegraphs Department with a view to get some money for the Second Five Year Plan, and if so, whether the hon. Minister had any discussion with them?

Shri Humayun Kabir: The whole question has been under examination, and at one stage it was thought that the officers getting over Rs. 1,000 might be asked to make some kind of voluntary contribution, but when the matter was carefully examined it was found there was more danger in making any such general rule than would appear otherwise, because the circumstances differ from family to family. A man may require all his emoluments for his private needs if he has a very big family, and he may not be able to make a voluntary contribution. An invidious distinction would thus be created between certain officers and others. Therefore, Government came to the conclusion that voluntary cuts should not be accepted except in the

case of political appointments or high dignitaries. In the case of others, if they wanted to make a contribution, they could draw their full salary and pay whatever they like in any manner they like.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: My question is different.

Shri Humayun Kabir: I have answered the question.

Shri Tangamani: What is the result of the discussion?

Shri Humayun Kabir: I have said the decision is that voluntary cuts will not be accepted by Government, but voluntary contributions will be most welcome.

श्री भक्त वर्मन : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि केवल रायपुर के कर्मचारियों ने ही इस उदारता का परिचय दिया है, या भारत के किसी और भाग से भी इस प्रकार क प्रस्ताव आए हैं ?

Shri Humayun Kabir: From one corner of India to another, from Trivandrum to Gauhati and from Hissar to Bombay and Madras.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: I wanted to know whether the National Federation of Posts and Telegraphs has suggested any economy measures to get some money for the Second Five Year, and whether the hon. Minister or the Deputy Minister had any discussion with them on this subject.

Shri Humayun Kabir: The question does not arise out of this. It is a question about voluntary cuts in salary by certain officers, whether a union has made any suggestion or not does not arise out of it.

Shri V. C. Shakia: What is the nature of the difficulties involved in accepting this cut?

Shri Humayun Kabir: I have already indicated some of the difficulties. One is because the conditions of different people differ. Apart from that, contributions of one or two rupees would present such accounting difficulties in the pay bills etc., that

the loss to Government may be greater than any amount which is recovered.

भाखड़ा बांध

*४२४. { श्री नवल प्रभाकर :
श्रीमती इला पालचौधरी :

क्या सिंचाई और बिद्युत मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि भाखड़ा बांध पर कंक्रीट बिछाने का काम निर्धारित लक्ष्य से अधिक तीव्र गति में चल रहा है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो बांध का निर्माण कब तक पूरा हो जाने की प्राशा है ?

सिंचाई और बिद्युत उपमंत्री (श्री हाथी) : (क) जी, हां ।

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श्री नवल प्रभाकर : आज-कल कंक्रीट डालने का काम बन्द कर दिया गया है । क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि उस का क्या कारण है ?

श्री हाथी : बन्द नहीं किया गया है, चालू है ।

Mr. Speaker: Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri. All hon. Members whose names appear as sponsors of particular questions must go on rising until they catch my eye.

Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri: I rose.

May I know when the storing of the surplus waters is expected to be started, and will it be completed before the next monsoon?

Shri Hathi: Partial storing with start from 1958 and will be completed by 1959.