

Posts for P. and T. Volunteers

*54. **Shri J. B. S. Bist:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1855 on the 26th April, 1958 regarding voluntary service during P. and T. strike and state how many volunteers have been employed so far and how many still remain to be employed?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri S. K. Patil): The required information is being collected from P. and T. Circles and Subordinate offices and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha

Bhakra Dam

*55. { Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri Ram Krishan:

Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1509 on the 23rd September, 1958 and state:

- the further progress made so far in the construction of Bhakra Dam;
- the total length and height of the concrete wall above the deepest foundation level constructed so far;
- the total expenditure incurred so far; and
- whether the work is going on according to schedule?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) A quantity of 29,50,00,000 cubic yds. of concrete had been poured into the Bhakra Dam and Bhakra Left Power Plant up to the end of October, 1958. This constitutes 56.3% of the total concreting to be done. Concreting for the II Stage has been started.

(b) The concreting is being done along the entire length of the Dam. The average height of the Dam above the deepest foundation is now 390 ft. and the highest block is 414 ft. high. The length of the Dam at E.L. 1350,

to which average level the Dam has so far been constructed, is approximately 750 ft. Length at base is 325 ft. and will be 1700 ft. at top on completion when the dam rises to a height of 740 ft. Since August 1958, concreting has been done in the Left Power Plant only.

(c) Rs. 50,42,00,000 up to the end of July, 1958.

(d) Yes, Sir.

Dispensaries for P. and T. Staff

*56. { Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri Subodh Hansda:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 633 on the 20th August, 1958 and state:

- whether any of the proposed nine full-time dispensaries for Post and Telegraph staff has since been opened;
- if so, where;
- whether any suggestions about the replacement of these dispensaries by mobile units came to the department; and
- if so, the reaction thereto?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri S. K. Patil): (a) and (b). No. Orders for appointment of doctor at Kanpur have been issued. The Postmaster-General, Patna, has been empowered to appoint doctor locally. The dispensaries at these two places are expected to start functioning soon.

(c) No.

(d) Does not arise.

Ships from Japan

*57. **Shri Ram Krishan:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 826 on the 2nd September, 1958, and state:

(a) whether the negotiations with a private Japanese firm for a dollar loan