

given to Starred Question No. 1180 on the 7th September, 1959 and state:

(a) whether the Committee appointed to go into the details of the various recommendations of the Subcommittee of the National Welfare Board for Seafarers have since examined the recommendations;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) action taken to implement the same?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) The Committee is expected to finalise and submit its report within about a fortnight.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Dam on River Beas

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 Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:
 Shri Rameshwar Tantia:
 Sardar Iqbal Singh:
 Shri D. C. Sharma:
 Shri Hem Raj:
 Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi:

Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 645 on the 7th March, 1960 and state:

(a) whether the Government have examined the scheme for the construction of a dam on the River Beas; and

(b) if so, the result thereof?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Beas Project will consist of two units: Unit No. (1)—A link connecting Beas and Sutlej rivers and Unit No. (2)—A dam on the Beas at PONG.

A project report is being prepared by the Government of Punjab.

Inferior Coal Supply for Railways

*959. **Pandit D. N. Tiwari:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether any arrangement has been made to check the supplies of inferior quality of coal for Railway consumption;

(b) whether acceptance of such coal has been eliminated; and

(c) what is the financial loss and loss of time due to consumption of bad quality of coal in 1959-60?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) Railway inspection has been introduced from 10th August, 1960 for coal received from public sector collieries situated in Bokaro and Karanpura areas of the Bengal and Bihar coalfields. The question of extending such railway inspection to other coalfields is also under consideration.

(b) Every effort is being made to eliminate the receipt of inferior quality of coal progressively by instituting inspection by Railways as explained in the answer to part (a) of the question, and by other measures such as procurement of coal under contracts entered into directly by the Ministry of Railways which will *inter alia* provide for suitable reductions when the quality is below the specification of the contract, allowing the Railways to select within the allocations made by the Coal Controller the collieries from which they may draw their supplies etc.

(c) It is difficult to make any reasonably correct financial estimate on account of this factor. As regards loss of time, 169 mail/express, 357 passenger and 899 through goods trains lost more than 30 minutes each; on account of inferior coal during this period.

Development of Rajasthan Canal Area

*960. **Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to refer to the reply given