

Shri S. N. Das: What are the reactions of the Damodar Valley Corporation authorities to the proposed amendment?

Shri Hathi: Sir, this is under consideration yet.

Shri T. K. Chandhuri: May I know if the views of the State Governments who are directly concerned with the administration of the D.V.C. have been taken?

Shri Hathi: Yes, Sir, there was an Inter-State Conference at which the representatives of the Bihar and West Bengal Governments were present and their views were considered.

Shri Sarangadhar Das: May I know if the Minister proposes to lay the report of the Rao Committee on the table of the House and, if so, when?

Shri Hathi: After the recommendations of the Committee have been considered by Government it will be laid on the table of the House.

OFFICE 'K' BLOCK CASE

*661. **Shri Ajit Singh:** Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to refer to the answer to unstarred question No. 358 on the 8th July, 1952 regarding 'K' Block case of Central Public Works Department, and state whether the Contractor has been finally paid?

The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Sardar Swaran Singh): No, Sir.

Shri Ajit Singh: May I know whether the contractor has filed a civil suit for the recovery of the dues?

Sardar Swaran Singh: I have no information.

Shri Ajit Singh: May I know whether it is a fact that the contractor was already over-paid?

Sardar Swaran Singh: If he has already been over-paid then there is no question of his filing a civil suit.

Mr. Speaker: Then the question will be what steps are being taken to recover the excess payment.

Sardar Swaran Singh: We have not filed any suit against him for any recovery.

Shri Ajit Singh: What is the amount of the final bill and the amount of the contract agreement?

Sardar Swaran Singh: If they were finalised, there will be no difficulty in finalising payment also. That matter is under consideration.

ENGINEERING DIPLOMAS

*662. **Shri Ajit Singh:** Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state whether qualifications ICEASSOC, Eng. (SHEFF) and diploma of 'CE' SHEFFIELD are recognised engineering diplomas for recruitment to the Central Engineering Service, Classes I and II?

The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Sardar Swaran Singh): No, Sir.

C. P. W. D.

*663. **Shri Ajit Singh:** Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state what economy in the expenses of the C.P.W.D. organisation has been effected as a result of the implementation of the Kasturbhai Lalbhai Committee's recommendations?

The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Sardar Swaran Singh): On comparable work-loads, economy of the order of 7 to 8 lakhs per year is anticipated.

Shri Ajit Singh: May I know whether all the recommendations have been accepted by Government?

Sardar Swaran Singh: All except one or two.

Shri Ajit Singh: May I know which recommendations are still under consideration and which have been rejected by Government?