

Shri Shukrawas Khan: The hostel is open to the children of railway employees of all classes. The position is that while they are open to all, subsidy is available to the children of staff drawing up to Rs. 300. The rates are: for those drawing up to Rs. 100, their children have to pay Rs. 7-8-0 per month; those drawing from Rs. 101 to 200, Rs. 12-8-0 and from Rs. 200 to Rs. 300, Rs. 20 per month. Over Rs. 300, it is actual expenses.

Shri Surendranath Dwivedy: Just now the hon. Deputy Minister stated that there is accommodation available for 25 and that only 13 are admitted and when they come, they will be admitted. Is it not a fact that higher secondary school students are not being accepted in the hostel?

The Minister of Railways (Shri Jagjivan Ram): The whole idea of starting this hostel was to provide educational facilities for the children of the employees posted outside their linguistic zone, so that their study may not suffer, and if they are posted outside, their children may be accommodated in this hostel. These hostels were to be run on austerity standards, so that a large number of students may be accommodated. In the beginning there has been some confusion in the staff and even local students have been admitted in some of the hostels. If local students are admitted, I am afraid the whole scheme will fail. There is no restriction whether the students should be collegiate students or higher secondary students. All students who are children of employees posted outside their linguistic zone are entitled to be admitted to these hostels.

Dam on River Beas

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 *222. { **Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:**
Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri Hem Raj:
Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:
Shri Daljit Singh:

Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to refer to the

reply given to Starred Question No. 386 on the 12th August, 1950 and state:

(a) whether the Punjab Government have since submitted formally the scheme for the construction of dam on the River Beas;

(b) if so, whether the scheme has been examined by the Central Water and Power Commission;

(c) whether final decision regarding the selection of site for the dam has been taken; and

(d) if so, the location thereof?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) No, Sir,

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: May I know whether the Rajasthan Government have also submitted any scheme and if so how far they differ from each other?

Shri Hathi: No. The Rajasthan Government has not yet submitted a scheme. The project report when ready will be transmitted to the Rajasthan Government and their comments obtained.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know if the Central Government has any scheme in hand so far as the construction of a dam on the Beas is concerned and if it is so, what is the nature of the scheme?

Shri Hathi: The Central Government has no scheme in hand. It is for the State Government to evolve a plan.

Shri Hem Raj: Is it the intention of the Central Government to harness the waters of the Beas and whether they have requested the Punjab Government to finalise a scheme?

Shri Hathi: The Punjab Government is carrying on investigations for the utilisation of the waters of these rivers Ravi, Beas and Sutlej.

Shri Hem Raj: Is it also a fact that there is another scheme regarding the

Sutlej-Beas link, and the Punjab Government want priority for that instead of for this Pong scheme?

Shri Hathi: I would say that the scheme broadly consists of the following. One is the Beas-Sutlej link. There are in that scheme, again, two alternatives; the third is the Pong-reservoir. But none of these is yet finalised.

Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: May I know whether the hon. Minister is not aware of two different viewpoints on this scheme, and if so, whether Government have made any attempt to bring together the two Governments and discuss the scheme as a whole so as to expedite the matter?

Shri Hathi: They are preparing a factual note on the basis of the studies which were carried on by the Punjab officers; and this note will be circulated to all the States concerned, namely Rajasthan, Jammu and Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh, by the end of this month or so.

Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: May I know whether it is a fact that the experts of the World Bank also have submitted a scheme for the utilisation of the waters of this river?

Shri Hathi: No, there is no scheme, it is only a proposal; no definite plan or scheme has been submitted.

Shri B. K. Gaikwad: May I know the estimated cost of this dam?

Shri Hathi: I cannot say at this stage.

Transmitting Stations on East and West Coasts

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*923. { Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri R. C. Majhi:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether the design and estimate for the construction of transmitting stations and other ancillary buildings

for the two coasts on the East and West Coasts have been finalised by the Department of Lighthouses and Lightships;

(b) if so, whether Government have approved it; and

(c) whether construction has started according to the plans approved?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) to (c). Yes, Sir.

Shri Subodh Hansda: May I know whether the requisite equipments that are to be installed at the two coasts have been procured by Government, and if so, from where they have been procured, and the amount paid for them?

Shri Raj Bahadur: The estimated aggregate cost of both the schemes is Rs. 96 lakhs, with a foreign exchange content of Rs. 48.31 lakhs. The equipment is to be obtained under the Colombo Plan. A part of it has already been obtained.

Shri Subodh Hansda: May I know whether it is a fact that the services of an expert engineer have been sought for from abroad, and if so, whether he has arrived in India?

Shri Raj Bahadur: Yes, for purposes of installation of this equipment, we have requested for the services of a foreign expert from U.K.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know whether the installation of a transmitting station in the Andamans region has also been taken up along with this?

Shri Raj Bahadur: These schemes are quite distinct; they are for East Coast and the West Coast; they are for the purpose of having an effective range of 250 to 300 miles for radio communication with ships, with centres at Bombay and Calcutta.

Shri N. N. Patil: May I know the place selected on the West Coast?