

**Completion of Beas Project**

5499. SHRI S. N. MISRA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in completion of the Beas Project;

(b) the time by which it will be completed; and

(c) the total amount spent on this project so far?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) and (b). The Beas Dam at Pong was raised to its full height (upto EL 1420 feet) in July, 1974 and started storing waters in the monsoon season of the same year. Due to some defects in the regulating gates the water could not be regulated and had to be allowed to pass unregulated through one of the penstock tunnels. This water, however, has since been fully utilised for irrigation by the canals taking off from Harike Head-works. The repair work of the regulating gates and erection of spillway gates is in progress and is likely to be completed by this year. The work on the Power House of Pong Dam has also been started and is scheduled to be completed by 1977-78.

The Beas Sutlej Link Project comprises a dam at Pandoh, two tunnels each about 13 kilometres long, a hydel channel 12 kilometres long and a Power House at Dehar. As per earlier indications given by the Project authorities, the work was to be completed by the end of 1978. But owing to some bag reaches having been met in the tunnel and connected problems, the work remaining to be completed is being reviewed to prepare a revised schedule for completion of the project.

(c) An amount of Rs. 427/- crores was spent upto the end of February, 1975.

**Transfer of Irrigation Headworks of Punjab to Bhakra Management Board**

5500. SHRI BIRENDER SINGH RAO: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether under the Punjab Re-organisation Act the administration including maintenance and operation of the Irrigation Head-Works at Rupar, Harike and Ferozpur are required to be under the control of Bhakra Management Board;

(b) whether these Head Works are still under the control of the Punjab Government;

(c) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(d) the time by which the head-works are likely to be transferred to the Bhakra Management Board?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (PROF. SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). The Punjab Government, who were exercising control over these head-works prior to the reorganisation of the Punjab and are continuing to exercise such control, have raised some points in connection with the transfer of the head-works to the Bhakra Management Board as envisaged in the Punjab Re-organisation Act. These points are under consideration.

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5501. श्री धनसाह प्रधान : क्या योजना मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या धन की कमी की वजह से गन्दी बस्तियों में रहने वाले बच्चों और अन्य निर्धन बच्चों को "पोषक आहार" देने सम्बन्धी कार्यक्रम के लिए निर्धारित राशि में पिछले साल से कटौती की गई है; और