

arge power stations and integrated operation of power systems, the question of restructuring the electricity supply industry including entrusting generation to Regional Electricity Boards in the new set up is under study. The States will be consulted at an appropriate stage.

Charges Levelled in poster "Call of Sufferers". Regarding Rehabilitation of Pong Dam Oustees

3896. PROF. NARAIAN CHAND PARASHAR : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the poster entitled "Call of Sufferers", issued by the President, Oustees, Sufferers, Jan Sabha, Pong Dam Area, Mangawal, District Kangra, Himachal Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government to the complaints and charges made in the said poster ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI BALGOVIND VERMA) :
(a) Yes Sir.

(b) The points raised in the poster were found to be receiving due attention. Compensation for land and property acquired in the reservoir area are being duly paid. An amount of over Rs. 20 crores has already been disbursed. It is proposed to acquire the remaining land and pay compensation by July this year.

The movement of the oustees to Rajasthan was held up due to certain divergence of views between Himachal Pradesh and Rajasthan. These have recently been ironed out and allotment work has already started. Movement of oustees is scheduled to commence on 13th instant. It is proposed to rehabilitate about 7000 oustees by July this year.

Construction of Rail-Head at Kandrori (H.P.)

3897. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there was a proposal to construct a Rail-head at Kandrori (in Himachal Pradesh) on the Jullundur-Pathankot Railway line for the loading goods trains for the benefit of Himachal Pradesh ;

(b) if so, the gist of this scheme and the likely date by which the Rail-head would come up ; and

(c) whether there is likelihood of delay in the implementation of the scheme and if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) : (a) to (c). In 1970 a reference was received by the Divisional Superintendent, Northern Railway, Ferozpur from the Government of Himachal Pradesh for providing a half a mile long siding at Kandrori for goods traffic. The State Government were asked by the Railway to furnish details of the requirements but the same have not been received from the State Government so far. As such the matter could not be processed further by the Railway.

Erosion of Flood waters of River Beas in Kangra District

3898. PROF NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the lands and buildings on the right bank of River Beas of Dehra Town in Dehra Tehsil of Kangra District are in danger of being toppled down by erosion of the flood waters of River Beas, seepage of the impounding of Pong Dam Waters and rain action ;

(b) if so, whether any representations have been made to the Central Government, General Manager, Beas Dam Project, and Deputy Commissioner, of Rehabilitation and