

Of the five tunnels at Pong Dam, two outlet tunnels have already been plugged and one penstock tunnel constructed. The plugging of the remaining two penstock tunnels to store monsoon waters was dependent on the raising of the dam to the requisite height, completion of the spillway together with its bridge and the installation of gates in two of the tunnels already plugged to secure means for controlled filling of the reservoir. Consequently, the progress of work on the above items was reviewed in May, 1973. Also a Committee went into the matter. It was found that the progress of the work was not according to anticipations. In view of this, after careful consideration and in consultation with the concerned States it was felt that to ensure complete safety of the dam the plugging of these tunnels should be deferred to the later half of August this year by which time the peak floods would have passed and yet it would be possible to store the residual monsoon flows for Babi Irrigation in Rajasthan. This is expected to reduce the usual monsoon flows into Pakistan by about 1.5 to 2.0 MAF.

**Policy of transfer and posting of Travelling Inspectors of Accounts on Western Railway**

1209. DR. SARADISH ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Travelling Inspectors of Accounts at Ajmer have been working in the Ajmer Division for more than 10 years, and the others who are working at Bhavnagar, Rajkot, and Bombay Central are not being given chance to work at Ajmer;

(b) whether Government have received a representation on the 16th February, 1972 and also some representation from the Travelling Inspectors working at Bombay Central in this regard; and

(c) if so, the decision taken on the subject and the policy of transfer and posting of Travelling Inspectors adopted by the Dy. CAO (TA)?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) to (c). On the Western Railway postings of Travelling Inspectors of Accounts is so regulated as to enable all Travelling Inspectors of Accounts to share convenient and inconvenient stations in turn. Ajmer is a convenient station and Travelling Inspectors of Accounts of Bhavnagar, Rajkot and Bombay Central Divisions, as are desirous of posting at Ajmer, have already availed of this chance. At present only one Travelling Inspector of Accounts is being allowed stay at Ajmer for more than 10 years as his spouse is also employed in the same office. Representations received from staff have been dealt with in accordance with the above policy.

**Complaints about non-payment and withholding of payment to workers on Ajmer Division (Western Railway)**

1210. DR. SARADISH ROY:  
SHRI R. P. DAS:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the then Minister for Railways vide his letter No. MR-1245-A-73 dated 11th October, 1972 had acknowledge receipt of communication regarding complaints about non-payment and withholding of payment to the workers on the Ajmer Division of the Western Railways; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to set the matter right and the action taken against the guilty official?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) and (b). Steps have already been taken by the Western Railway Administration to ensure that the arrears in respect of payments due to workers are liquidated, and presently there are only few isolated cases.