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Wednesday, 15th May, 1957

The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the Clock.

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

MEMBERS SWORN

Shri M. M. Gandhi (Panchmahals).

Lala Achint Ram (Patiala).

Shri Murmu (Rajmahal-Reserved Sch. Tribes).

Swami Ramananda Tirtha (Aurangabad).

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Kosi Embankments

*24. Shri Shree Narayan Das: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present position regarding the construction of embankments along the Kosi, and the construction of canal and building of barrage on it;

(b) whether the work is proceeding according to plan and time schedule; and

(c) what is the total expenditure incurred so far?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri S. K. Patil): (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of Lok Sabha [See Appendix I, annexure No. 12].

Shri Shree Narayan Das: From the statement it appears that only 60 per cent. of work on the sluices has been completed. May I know the reasons for this slow progress and whether

Government is aware that due to the non-completion of these sluices a large area to the west of the western bank is flooded even now?

Shri S. K. Patil: The progress appears to be a little slow because of some difficulties that we are encountering; but those difficulties are gradually being overcome, so that the work can be speeded up.

Shri Shree Narayan Das: May I know what steps have been taken or are proposed to be taken to compensate the residents of such of the villages as have fallen within the two embankments?

Shri S. K. Patil: We are trying to work up the compensation. But that is a matter which the Board is considering, and we have not got their suggestions yet. But it is obvious that those that will be affected by this will be compensated, and very adequately compensated.

Shri Keshava: As this project is helpful to Nepal also, is Nepal making any contribution towards the cost of the project?

Shri S. K. Patil: No.

Pandit D. N. Tiwari: May I know what percentage of work has been done so far by village panchayats and labour co-operatives?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): During the last two years, the work done by village co-operatives and gram panchayats was 5:23 crores c. ft. in 1954-55 and 10:39 crores c. ft. in 1955-56. The total work done in these years was, 18:35 crores c. ft. in 1954-55 and 35:82 c. ft. crores in 1955-56.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: The hon. Minister, in answer to the previous