

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The scheme as submitted by Orissa Government is estimated to cost Rs. 1893 lakhs.

स्वर्ण बाँड योजना

373. श्री विश्वाम प्रसाद : क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि अखिल भारतीय खीहरी संस्था ने केन्द्रीय सरकार से प्रार्थना की है कि स्वर्ण बाँड योजना के अंतर्गत सोना प्राप्त करने का काम व्यापारियों को सौंप दिया जाये ; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो सरकार की इस विषय में क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

वित्त मंत्री (श्री श. चौधरी) :

(क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) यह सवाल पैदा ही नहीं होता ।

Farakka Barrage

374. Shri Hem Barua:
Shri S. M. Banerjee:
Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:
Shri P. C. Borooah:

Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) the progress so far made towards the completion of the work of the Farakka Barrage within the target date;

(b) whether our present foreign exchange difficulties or relations with Pakistan are likely to have any adverse effect on the work; and

(c) if so, to what extent?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Fakhruddin Ahmed): (a) The works in the river portion have been taken up from both the banks.

Briefly the position is as under:

(i) *Left Bank Works*.—Work is in progress. Stock Piling of aggregates for concreting is in progress. Erection of batching plant is in the final stage.

Some reaches of the Left Afflux Bund have been completed and the work is in progress in a few more reaches.

(ii) *Right Bank Works*.—Work on the right bank is also in progress. Excavation for the Head Regulator is almost complete. Concreting for the protection blocks, laying apron and filter, sheet piling etc. are in progress.

Certain reaches of the Right Afflux Bund have been completed and the work is in progress in the few other reaches.

(iii) *Gates*.—For the work on the Barrage and Head Regulator Gates, the workshop at Farakka with the machines installed is ready for fabrication works.

(iv) *Feeder Canal*.—The excavation work is in progress.

(b) and (c). No adverse effect is anticipated.

Strike in Kolar Gold Fields

375. Shri Linga Reddy: Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 103 on the 4th November, 1965 and state:

(a) the terms on which the strike by the labourers in the Kolar Gold Fields has ended and whether they have been given effect to; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Finance (Shri Sachindra Chaudhuri): (a) The terms of settlement arrived at in Conciliation on 21st October, 1965 between the Management of Kolar Gold Mining Undertakings, Oorgaum,