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RIVER DIVERSION AT TRIMMU.

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The Emerson Barrage is situated about 2 miles below the junction of the Jhelum and Chenab rivers at Trimmu. This particular site was selected with a view to the favourable lay-out of river channels which permitted the headworks to be located in such a way that the construction area could be completely enclosed within ring bunds and still leave plenty of waterway on the right, for the floods to pass through, without involving serious risk of damage. (See Plate I). The river at this place runs in three different channels, the right, main and left which discharged 35, 45 and 20 p.c. respectively. The course of extreme left channel determined the exact lay-out of the headworks as it offered a natural sump for unwatering which enabled the weir excavation to be started much earlier than would have otherwise been the case. Further, this offered a natural outfall for the river after its diversion through the completed works. The existence of this natural arm of the river also determined the programme of works.

The Emerson Barrage as constructed consists of 37 weir bays each of 60 ft. span in the middle, 8 sluices each of 30 ft. on the left and 6 sluices each of 30 ft. on the right, the two sets of undersluices being divided from the weir bays by long divide walls. The crest of the undersluices is at R. L. 472.0 and is 5.5 ft. lower than the crest of the weir. A fish ladder is built alongside each of the divide walls. The Main Line Left, with a discharge of 5170 cusecs takes off on the left flank, its regulator having five spans of 24 ft. each. The Rangpur Canal with a discharge of 2710 cusecs takes off on the right flank through a regulator of three spans of 24 ft. each. Both these canal regulators are fitted with silt excluders of suitable design.

River Diversion Scheme determined Programme of Works.

As this barrage was to be equipped with sets of undersluices at the two ends, the diversion of the river had obviously to be done through one or the other or both of these sets. In view of the rushed programme of construction, which aimed at completing the entire Headworks in less than two years, it was necessary to have the final river diversion a few months in advance of the final completion of works. It was therefore not possible to wait for the completion of two sets of undersluices before the river could be diverted. The choice lay between diverting through the left or the right undersluices. The diversion through the left undersluices had the serious drawback of having to carry all materials

over a temporary railway bridge (across the left undersluices) which would have meant unnecessary expense in its construction and also considerable delays due to congestion of traffic over the single track on this bridge. It would have further meant considerably increased pumping and the possible risk of segregation and therefore interruption of works on the right side in case of any sudden big rise in the river. In view of these considerations and the fact that one of the major arms of the river traversed the right undersluices and the right group of the weir it was decided to divert the river through the right undersluices. This permitted the river, now entirely on the right, to be gradually pushed on to the barrage.

This decision determined the sequence of construction of the various units of the barrage. The first work to be undertaken was the Upstream Right Guide Bank which had to be completed before the monsoon of 1938, so that its armoured nose would protect the right ring bund of the weir area. Simultaneously but next in order came the construction of the right pocket, downstream Right Guide Bank, regulator of Rangpur Canal, right divide wall and the right group of the weir. Next in order came the left undersluices not because it was to be requisitioned in that order but because its construction involved deeper founds and heavier pumping. Last in sequence came the left half of the weir.

Protection Works as related to Diversion Scheme.

Plate III shows the main ring bund round the weir works. These ring bunds were made sufficiently heavy for the maximum flood of 6,50,000 cusecs, with a possible afflux level of 493.5 due to destruction of waterway. The top of the main ring bund was made at R. L. 500 and at the deepest section across the creek the bund was made strong enough for a hydraulic gradient of 1 in 15. Upstream of this ring bund a subsidiary ring bund was laid joining the two guide banks. This latter was constructed as a further line of defence as the area between this and the main ring bund contained all the railway sidings which carried materials for the two guide banks, right pocket and the entire weir upstream. Also in this area it was necessary to preserve the existing arm of the river. Further this offered facilities for excavating the upstream diversion cuts during the hot weather 1938 much in advance of actual river diversion—a procedure which eventually resulted in considerable saving of time and in the river diversion being completed at the right moment in December 1938. A portion of the above river arm between this upper bund and the guide bank nose had to be preserved and protected against silting up with heavy slush and for this reason a subsidiary ring bund, named the first line of defence, was constructed as shown in Plate III. The first line of defence generally and a small portion of the second line withstood all the floods.

Below the downstream ring bund, this river arm was protected from silting up by a small marginal bund about three miles in length. The

The bund proved most effective not only in preserving this arm of the river but also in obviating the necessity of double stage pumping by keeping the direct flow of the river three miles further down.

Diversion Cuts.

To begin with, it was decided to make three approach cuts and three outfall cuts leading to one common main outfall, as shown in Plate I. The dimensions of these were, Left cut 150 ft., Centre 100 ft., and Right 125 ft. wide. Bed levels of the Left and Centre were kept at R.L. 475.0—general subsoil water level in winter; but the Right which was to come in operation first of all was taken down to R. L. 472.0—the crest of undersluices. The conditions at this headworks are, however, somewhat peculiar. Firstly, the N. S. level of the excavated area is very high and consequently its removal and that of the enormous mounds of earthwork formed from the weir excavation will offer great obstruction to the development of any reasonable size of channel for the river during floods. Undue restriction of waterway would lead to unnecessary heading up and consequent risks to the marginal bunds and guide banks during floods. If the river were to rise gradually and afford an opportunity for progressive widening of the cuts, so that sufficient waterway could be made available for passage of floods, there would be no cause for anxiety. But the river can rise erratically; it may remain low during the early hot weather and rise suddenly later on. Under such conditions the cuts would not get any chance of developing and there would be a risk of serious heading-up. In view of these considerations and to provide for freshets, it was decided to add a fourth cut and to widen the outfalls of the middle and the left cuts. This will be discussed in detail later.

Right Cut.

For the original diversion of the river the middle and left cuts must obviously remain out of action and the entire supply must be passed through the right cut. This cut had therefore to be designed and excavated to suit the river discharges at the time of diversion. As this was to come into operation when the total waterway would be very small its alignment followed the creek so as to give relief in case of a freshet.

Most Suitable Time for Diversion.

Hydrographs and their warnings. A study of the hydrographs of the Chenab at Trimmu for the past several years indicated one peculiarity from other rivers, viz., that the range of discharge was greater and the rise started earlier. Statement I shows the maximum discharge for the months November to March for the last 11 years. It will be noticed that the river at Trimmu had generally been lowest in December.

It will be remembered that in winter the water received at Trimmu is the seepage inflow below Rasul in the Jhelum and below Khanki on the Chenab, because the regulation of the Triple Canal System does not permit any escapage below these two weirs in the cold weather. By the last week of December however, winter rains set in and freshets have to be passed below these weirs. The fact that the considerations of the two rivers had to be dealt with and the number of chances in respect of duration, intensity and repetition of freshets were greater, made it necessary for the final diversion of the river to be completed before Christmas week.

The completion of diversion operations during the freshet period was accompanied with grave risks. With the restricted waterway of the undeveloped diversion cuts a freshet might easily lead to failure of the Diversion Bund and carry the reconstruction of it into a zone of heavier and more frequent freshets. Besides, the cost would go up considerably. Not only this but with the heavier discharges coming, a situation might arise making diversion in 1938-39 impossible and necessitating postponement to the cold weather of 1939-40—an extremely unsatisfactory and dangerous state of affairs, because the works would have to be protected for another flood season and the bulk of the establishment kept on—the expenditure on which account would run into several lakhs.

Risks of a late diversion were also great. With the cuts not fully developed and with a big unscoured *belas* restricting the waterways, heavy discharges were likely to result in excessive heading up and consequent overtopping of guide banks and marginal bunds in the ensuing flood season.

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Design of Cuts.

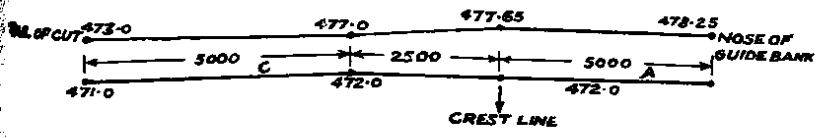
It was anticipated that the discharge to be finally diverted would be of the order of 2000 to 3000 cusecs. For this the river water level was expected to be about 474.75 at the guide bank nose and about 473.0 at the tail of the diversion cut.

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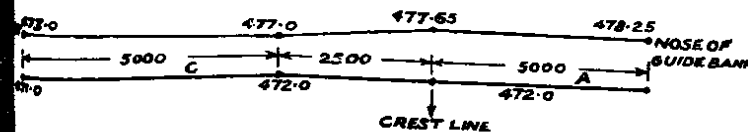
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From Kennedy's Diagrams, for $R=2.75$, slope 1 in 2000, $N=0.025$, the velocity works out to 2.6 ft./sec., against 4 ft./sec. required which indicates that the slope will have to be steepened to pass a charge of 2000 cusecs.

Next try a slope of 1 in 1000.

$$\text{Depth at middle section} = 2.0 + \frac{2500}{1000} - \frac{2500}{5000} = 4.0 \text{ ft.}$$

The velocity required to pass a discharge of 2000 cusecs is $\frac{2000}{150 \times 4} = 3.33 \text{ ft./sec.}$

From Kennedy's Diagrams for $R=4.0$, $S=1/1000$, $V=4.8 \text{ ft./sec.}$

Thus the slope will lie between 1/1000 and 1/2000. By trial and error it will be found that a slope of 1 in 1250 will pass the required discharge and this will mean a water level of 477.0 at R. D. 2500 ft. above the undersluice crest.

Consider reach (B).

$R=4.0$ generally.

Bed width = 125 ft. V required is $\frac{2000}{5 \times 1.25} = 3.2 \text{ ft./sec.}$ This requires a slope of 1 in 3000, making average depth 5.4. With second curve the velocity works out at $\frac{2000}{5.4 \times 125} = 3 \text{ ft./sec.}$ and slope 1 in 4000, giving a water level at crest of pocket of 77.65.

Consider the first reach (A)

Depth will be of the order of 6 ft. Average bed width is 150 ft.

$$\text{Hence velocity} = \frac{2000}{150 \times 6} = 2.2.$$

This needs a slope of 1 in 8000 giving a water level of 478.25 at Guide Bank nose.

It was decided to keep cunettes that were below R. L. 475.0 ft. wide and to depend on the development to full width during the period of diversion.

At the time of actual diversion however, the discharge was 1245 cusecs; the lower cunettes had to be left a few inches too high.

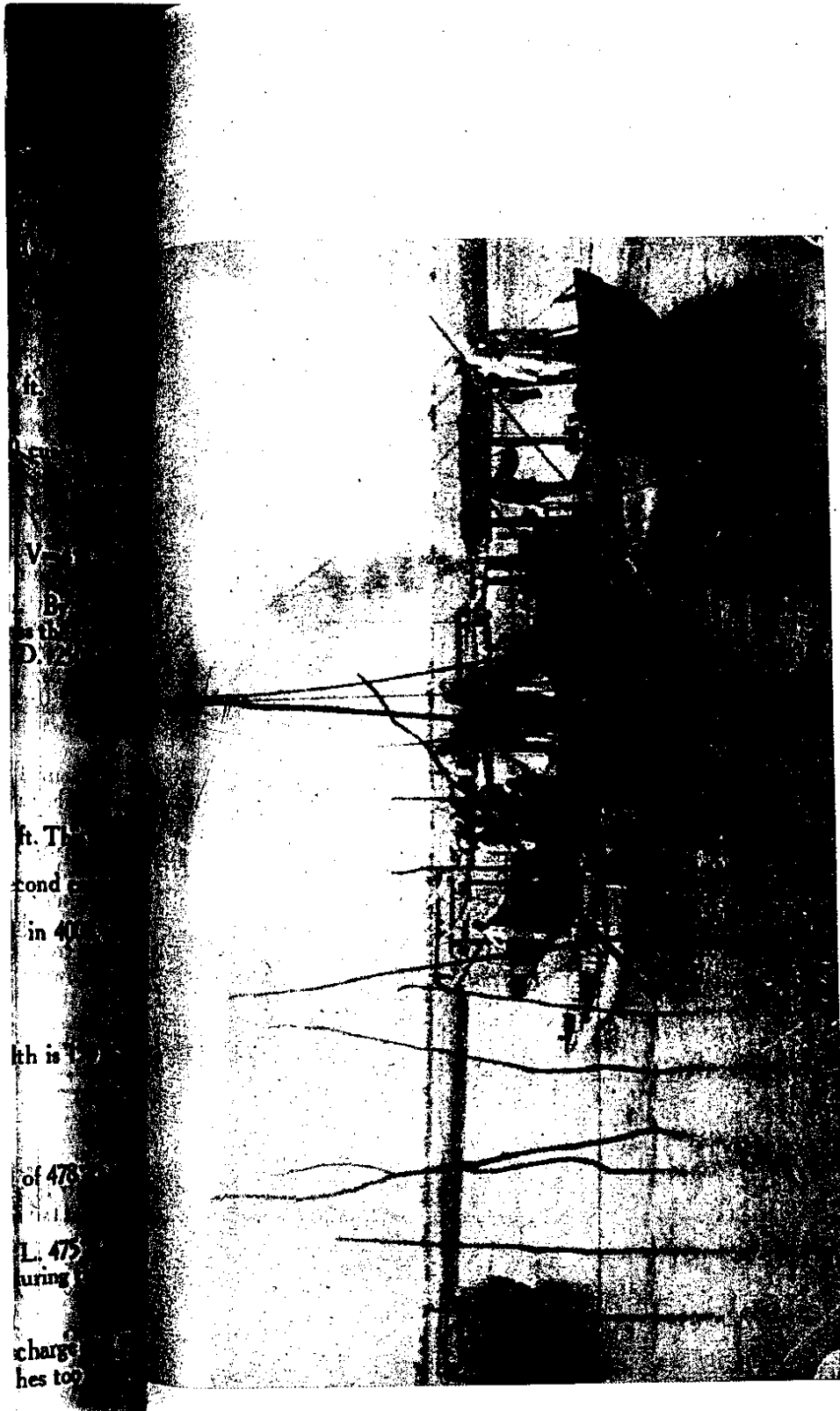


Photo No. 1. Sinking sal ballis with a jet.
Note the engine on one boat and lifting arrangements for pipe and balli on another.

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reach B the width of cunette had to be left at 50 ft. Under conditions the water level at the guide bank nose rose to 478.35, pocket and 473.13 at the tail. This agreed well with the worked out above for 2000 cusecs discharge and excavation done depths. The cunette widths however excavated were 66 p.c. of for the calculations and the discharge passed was 62 p. c. anticipated 2000 cusecs, which is a fairly close agreement.

Generally speaking on the upstream side a relatively wider cut is but on the downstream side a deeper one would be better than one. Of course the design would depend on the limiting head the factor limiting the excavation. Statement VI and Plate VIII the width of diversion cut as it developed and the long section of before and after and tends to show the above conclusions.

Channels before Diversion.

Figure II shows the river conditions after floods of 1938. The river was flowing in three distinct channels—the right (known as the central and the left of which was the main creek. In the relative magnitude of these three creeks the best course was to be to close off the central crest first of all and protect it by an earthen bund at its head, then to divert the right creek into the main river, and to protect the former also by a bund. After diverted all the water into one channel. the next course was to divert the river into the right undersluices through the diversion cut. The work on the Marginal Bund was to start as soon as river work was permitted and with the closing of the middle and the right work was to advance in these leaving only the gap in the main final closure.

Closing of Central and Right Creek.

The closing of the central creek did not present any great difficulty. The pilchi were driven in the bed 5 ft. apart. *Pilchi* rolls about 2 ft. diameter were prepared and placed in front of these pegs which obstructed the discharge. The water in attempting to find its way undermined the pilchi and thus scoured out sand from below them. The discharge was reduced and the section being shallow and wide this scoured sand was carried away by water downstream of this *pilchi* bar and the channel was finally closed. With the depth thus decreased the creek was finally closed by an earthen bund on 5th October 1938.

Right Creek.

The work of diversion of the right (Malkana) creek into the main river was started by the end of September and it was to be done by choke it off by means of permeable spurs and attempt the final closure when the discharge had been reduced considerably.

This creek as will be apparent from the plan is fed mostly from the main river but another creek from the Jhelum also comes and joins it. It was therefore decided to put three permeable spurs below the head of this creek from the Jhelum River. Subsequently spurs Nos. 1, 2 and 3 were put in at shallow sections, the first 50 ft. below the head of the creek and the second 200 ft. below the first (See Plate II).

Permeable Spurs.

These consist of a line of *sal ballis* driven nearly 5 ft. apart and tied across by strands of G. I. wire No. 12, above and below water. To these wires is attached a vertical *pilchi* or other brushwood with its bottom touching the river bed or just above it. An alternate method is to have long *pilchi* rolls spanning the *ballis* and placed above the other till they appear above water (Fig. 2 and 4) Plate II. The function of the two types is the same, namely forcing the high velocity filaments of water from the surface to below the bottom of the screens, scouring out sand from there and depositing it lower down to form a progressive bar across the channel bed thus causing automatic and progressive choking of the channel.

Sal ballis were sunk by means of a water jet fed from a Merryweather fire engine. (See Photograph 1). This pump (Merryweather engine) was placed on a boat and by means of an armoured rubber hose delivered water under pressure to a 1½" dia. pipe about 20 ft. long ending in a nozzle (See fig. 1 Plate IX). This pipe was tied by loose strands to the *balli* to be driven and had its nozzle discharging just at the bottom of the *balli*. The water jet forced a hole through the soil along with the *balli* carrying the latter down with it. The *ballis* were sunk 10 ft. below bed in shallow water and 15 ft. in deep water. The jetting pipe and the *balli* to be driven were lifted up vertically and then lowered in position on the river bed when the pump would start working, supplying water under pressure from the jet. The bottom of the *balli* was pointed to facilitate penetration. The process was accelerated by men shaking the *balli* with the jet working. When the *balli* was to proper depth the jet pipe was pulled out by a string over a pulley. The jet pipe and the *balli* are loosely tied to facilitate the withdrawal of the former. The spacing of *ballis* depends on the depth. They were kept at 5 ft. in shallow water but as close as 3 ft. in deep water. When the *ballis* were sunk they were stranded by G. I. wires and *pilchi* screens 6" diameter, hung from the top strand so as to give a pervious screen.

The action downstream of the spurs is progressive both in depth and height and finally a stage is reached when the water is so shallow that the channel can be closed with a small rush and at small cost. The action is slow and time factor helps it. In cases where the *ballis* are not driven deep enough and there is concentration of flow, the *pilchi* and the *pilchi* screens will continue to sink bodily together as the moving of sand underneath advances. The screen is continuously moving

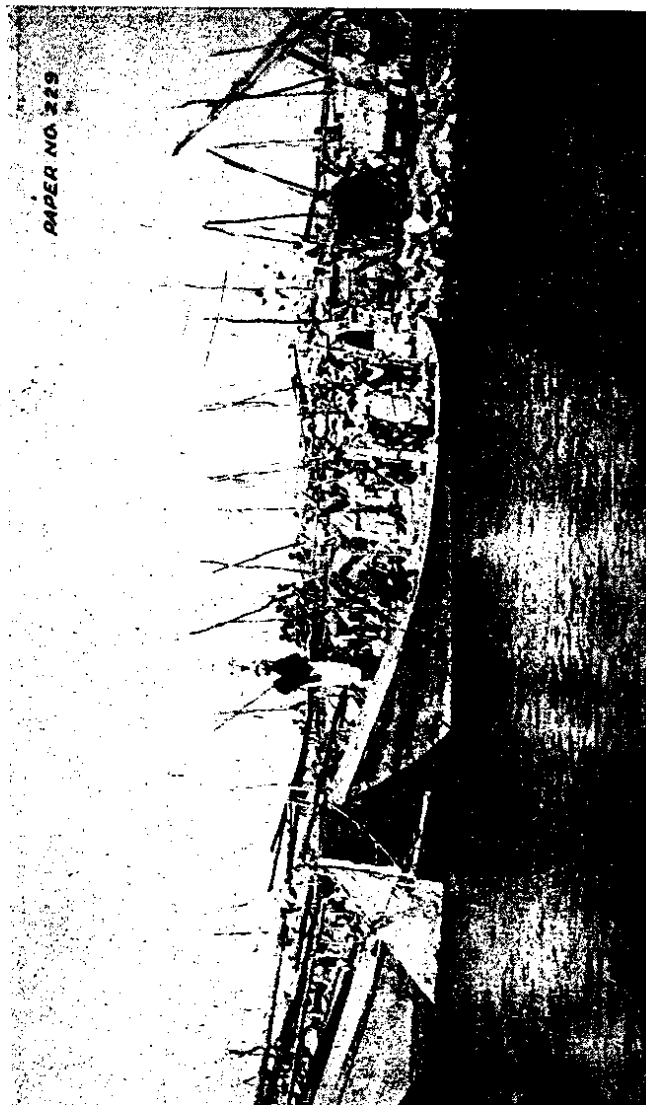


Photo No. 3. Sheet Pile regulator at Suleimanki with one mattress being rolled on the bank and another mattress being floated up towards the pile regulator by means of rope attached to a crab winch mounted on a boat alongside the regulator.

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Diversion of the Right Creek.

The efficiency of permeable spurs is a maximum when they are at the head of a channel whence water can be easily diverted into an adjoining channel. In the right creek, spurs Nos. 3, 4 and 5 were of the screen type but spurs Nos. 1 and 2 were made up of rolls placed above the other. *Pilchi* was tied in small 6" diameter rolls and made up a mattress which was then rolled into thick rolls about 16—18 ft. long and 3 ft. diameter. These rolls were towed across in water and placed in front of these *ballis*. Rolls were placed one above the other as they appeared above water level. This gave a thick screen for water to pass through and diverted the balance into the main river (left creek). To water pressure against the *ballis* the latter gave way and had to be replaced and supplemented by intermediate stakes. The arrival of a gale while these operations were in progress proved to be very harmful on account of increased concentration at the spur sites. The presence of the first spur resulted in the river bed getting a definite bend at this site but too close to the spur. The bend was useful as it changed the direction of the main current upstream but its proximity threatened to destroy the spur. So consequently slanting spurs with *ballis* were put in with the result that the deep bend shifted further upstream and out in the river. Photograph 2 shows the general arrangement. The reduction in discharge and silting up of the creek had so advanced that it was decided to close off the creek on 19th October, 1931. Before the final closure, earthen bunds were advanced on both sides to avoid out-flanking. The final closure was done above spur No. 3. The small discharge coming from the Jhelum River was dealt with the following day and a bund was put across it at the head, and another bund put below spur 3—the junction of the two.

It may be mentioned that the spurs should not be placed too close together as the silt thrown by one may be influenced by the sucking action of the other.

Final Diversion Sites.

With the right arm closed all the water was flowing through the left creek, work on the closing of which was now to be started.

Two sites were considered for the final diversion; one at the nose of the Right Guide Bank and the other between the canal and Right Guide Embankment. The channel was shallower but wider at the former place and narrower but very much deeper at the latter. In the case of the Guide Bank the advantage was that the head of the diversion

PHOTO No. 3. Sheet pile regulator at Suleimank with some mattresses being floated up towards the pile regulator by means of rope and another mattress being floated up towards the pile regulator by means of rope attached to a crab winch mounted on a boat alongside the regulator.

cut was closer but as the depletion down-stream would have been greater here on account of the greater distance from the tail of the diversion cut the head against the diversion bund would have remained the same in both cases, the head really being the fall in the diversion channel.

If the diversion had been done at the Right Guide Bank nose, an additional bund would have been necessary on its right to link it to the highland to avoid outflanking. But all this earthwork would serve no purpose later on and would, besides meaning extra expense, take of some labour from the cuts and the Right Retired Embankment. If the site was at the Right Retired Embankment the marginal bund complete from both sides would require no further protective embankment and the earthwork done in the diversion bund would be partly utilized in the Right Retired Embankment. Again at the higher site (nose of Right Guide bank) a leak-proof abutment might have been built on the right side but the ungrouted stone apron of the guide bank would always have remained a source of leakage and, as such, of anxiety. The diversion work involves diving operations, laying of mattresses and cribs, etc. These are much easier done in shallow water.

Another advantage of the lower site was that the attack on the river could be made at two points. Choking and partial diversion of river supplies by permeable spurs could be done at the guide bank nose and this would reduce the discharge for the final diversion bund. Also the permeable spurs would cause some heading up, relieving the diversion bund of the strain to that extent. In short, a retarded line of final blockage permitted an attempt at partial blocking in front of it which was an advantage the upper site could not possess. In view of all these considerations it was decided to do the diversion at the lower site.

Type of Diversion Bund.

There are two main factors to be considered in river diversion—the discharge which may vary between wide limits and the probable head across the diversion bund. The head is a factor to be determined by the river discharge and the dimensions of the cuts. Concentration of surface flow will lead to deep scour holes and excessive head may lead to failure by undermining. These two contingencies must be fully provided for in the design of the diversion bund and in the programme of its construction. The cheapest and most satisfactory form of bed protection to withstand high velocities without erosion is afforded by covering of *pilchi* mattress. If this mattress is of suitable construction and is adequately weighted down, it will to a large extent prevent undermining as a result of high head. The mattress should be long enough to kill the head completely. Different methods best suited to each locality have been devised to do the heading up which is essential before a diversion can take place.

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At Islam and Ferozepur the river diversion was done by mattressing the river bed, then advancing a stone bund on it so that water passed through the voids. In front of it tarred gunny-bag tarpaulins were laid over the stone so as to prevent wastage of earth which was advanced on both sides.

Amply freeboard is generally necessary to provide for sudden rises in the river before the diversion is complete. At Islam the small allowance for freeboard (insufficient to withstand freshets) was responsible for failure and each failure meant additional expenditure and delay.

At Suleimanki a pile regulator was constructed. This consisted of a row of piles across the river bed forming 30 openings of 9 ft. separated by abutments of piles and 40 ft. length of abutment on either side. (See Plate IX and Photo 3). The bed downstream of the piles was mattressed with *pilchi* mattresses suitably weighted with stone. The mattresses were given a backing of stone on the downstream to avoid scour and also to give stability. After this was done *karries* were put in front of the mattresses which did the heading up and the earthwork was then advanced. The *karries* were about 20 to 35 ft. long, depending on the depth of scour. They were taken well below the bed.

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The diversion at Panjnad was done in two stages. A masonry regulator was constructed close to the main river with leading from and back to the river. The river was first diverted through the regulator and then gradually through the completed weir. The portion was closed by mattressing the bed, then laying cribs which were filled with sand bags. This permitted some leakage which was checked by spreading juting in front of the cribs. The earthwork was advanced on this juting. Later, heading up was done at the diversion regulator by means of *karries* and thus the original weir channel was closed off.

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The heads across the diversion bunds and at various places were as follows :—

Khanki	.. Not traceable.
Ferozepur	.. 2 feet.
Islam	.. Probably above 4 feet.
Suleimanki	.. 5-6 feet.
Panjnad	.. 3 feet.
Trimmu	.. 4.9 feet.

The comparative costs, as far as can be ascertained from the files are:—

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Ferozepur ..	1,62,000
Islam ..	3,90,000
Suleimanki ..	1,67,800
Panjnad bund and regulator	3,50,000
Trimmu (estimated amount)	70,000 (actual cost in appendix).

Diversion Bund at Trimmu.

The diversion bund at Trimmu as explained in the paragraph the design of cuts was designed for a head of 4 to 6 ft. and a discharge of nearly 2000 cusecs. As explained therein, further deepening and widening of cuts to afford substantial relief was not possible in the time available. For this unavoidably high head, a pile regulator would have been the most suitable, but as piles were not available in the country the idea was given up, and a stone-cum-crib bund overlying a suitable length of *pilchi* mattresses was selected. In deeper sections a double line of cribs was provided. A section through the diversion bund, as executed, is shown on Plate V. Its site relative to the left bank of canal and Right Retired Embankment was fixed in such a way that the main embankment in no case came on to the *pilchi* mattresses.

General Scheme of Works.

The plan and section of diversion bunds (Plates IV and V) show mooring posts sunk 25 feet apart and 115 ft. upstream of central line of bund. 15" diameter iron rings were slid round these posts and 7/8" G. I. wire passed through rings to anchor *pilchi* mattresses which were 60, 80 and 100 ft. long, according to the depth of water. Cribs were placed on these mattresses, the smaller ones in shallow water but the bigger ones in deeper water and in double rows. Stone was dumped both upstream and downstream of the cribs and when this had reached above water, heading-up was done by filling cribs with sand bags. The permitted leakage through stone, which was reduced by throwing ballast on the upstream stone slope, further leakage was stopped by tarring gunny-bag sheets spread over the upstream face of the bund. These sheets projected beyond the upstream end of the bund. After tamping the leakage earth was advanced.

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Photo No. 4. Rolling mattress to river bed.



Photo No. 5. Launching of mattresses. Note the fixed end of anchoring 7/14 wire and the other end tied to bamboo. Boats ready for weighting with bags and stone.

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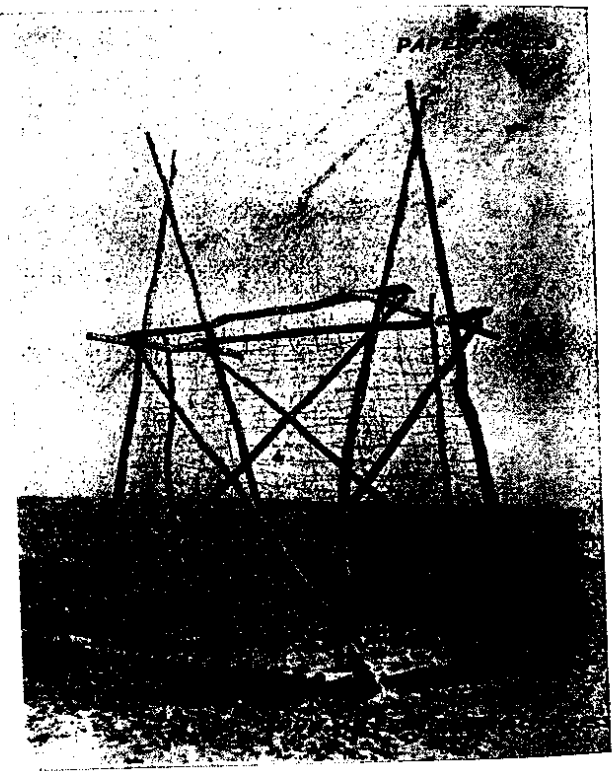


Photo No. 6. Completed cribs.

Sinking Posts.

These posts were 30 ft. long *sal ballas* and 15" diameter (minimum). The sinking which took 8 days was started on 6th November 1938 and was done with a Merryweather fire engine pump. The process was the same as for smaller *ballis*, except that, as the hole to be made was bigger, two jets were worked simultaneously to give greater displacement. The posts being heavy had to be lifted by means of a pulley block. It was intended to sink them 10 ft. below bed in shallow water and 15 ft. in deep water. Actually however the posts did not go more than 12 ft. in deep water due to the existence of clay. In clay the water jet is ineffective in opening up a hole big enough for the post to go down. (See Fig. 5 Plate IX).

Pilchi Mattressing.

Pilchi was not available in the locality and had to be carried by boats from a distance of about 12 to 14 miles. The collection was therefore started in October so as to set the boats free for other works by the time the actual diversion started.

G. I. wire netting, 6" mesh, was first woven to the exact size of mattresses which were of three dimensions 30×60, 30×80 and 30×100. The wire netting was manufactured on 30 ft. long wooden boards with nails fixed as shown in Figure 6 Plate IX.

Simultaneously, *pilchi* rolls 9" diameter were prepared in lengths slightly over 30 ft. The binding was done by G. I. wire No. 20 and to ensure proper thickness standard perimeter measures were given. One man compressed the roll and checked with this standard measure and the other followed with No.20 wire to do the binding.

The wire netting was then spread out on the ground and rolls of *pilchi* were tied to it. The mesh was 8" across the diagonal. The 9-inch diameter rolls were pressed one against the other to such an extent that the roll covered one mesh. Further G. I. wire No. 12 was roped in each roll. It went under one mesh, came out through one end of the adjacent mesh roped in the roll and passed through the other end of the mesh and so on, as shown in figs. 7 and 8, Plate IX. The second roll was then passing along the central line of adjacent sideways mesh roped in the alternate roll and thus each mesh had a roll roped into it and no spaces were left for any roll separating from the wire netting when the mattress was fully woven. Two *ballis*, 30 ft. long, with their thick and thin ends opposing, were placed on the upstream end of the mattress. These *ballis* were carefully tied into the mattress by G. I. wire No. 12. (See Fig. 9, Plate IX). The mattress was then rolled up and the free ends tied to the wire netting to prevent accidental unrolling.

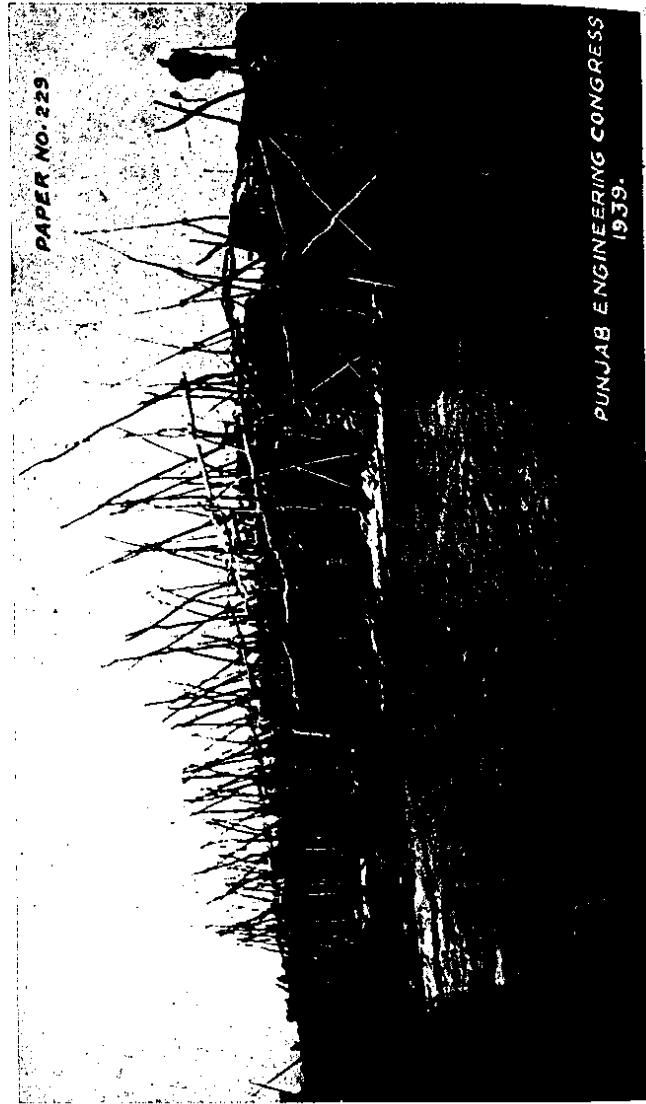
The rolling was usually done by placing *ballis* under the mattress in the direction of rolling and also by tying down ropes to the place on the mattress, carrying it round and then by exerting a pull on this rope. (See Fig. 10, Plate IX). In addition to this, men were employed on pushing it from behind. About 50 men were needed for a 60 ft. mattress, about 80 men for 80 ft. and 110 men for a 100ft. mattress. (See Photograph 4.)

It is necessary to roll the mattress into the water straight, but in a limited space it may be possible to build it up in the direction in which it is to be rolled. Effort was made to make as many mattresses as possible on the river edge and perpendicular to the direction of flow but some had to be made further out. In order to bring them to the river properly a spiral form of rolling was resorted to, by adding loose *pitchi* on one side. In this way it would roll into a spiral, with one end thicker than the other so that with equal number of turns, one side would travel more than the other and thus get a circular motion which would change the direction. Of all the methods tried this was the simplest and most successful.

Launching Mattress. (See Photograph 5.)

The mattress was rolled sufficiently far out in the water so that its nearer end could float when the mattress was unrolled (Fig. 11, Plate IX.) It was thus rolled into water, then unrolled and floated. The *ballis* were now floating at the far end. On one side of it which was to lead in water 200 ft. of G. I. wire 7/14 was passed round *balli*, rope and wire netting and given 8 turns, and the free end tied down to the longer one by G. I. wire No. 20 as shown in Fig. 12, Plate IX, so that there was no possibility of its getting loose. Generally the free end of the wire was kept about 3 ft. from the extreme end of mattress. The *balli* was then tied by means of ropes to a country boat which was floated down to site. The boat was anchored down to the mooring posts and the ropes were manipulated in such a way that with the help of divers the mattress was brought to the position it had to be laid in. After this the free end of the anchoring 7/14 wire was passed through the 15" diameter iron ring slid round the mooring post, knotted and tied, brought back to the mattress and tied on to a bamboo fixed 5 ft. from the outer edge of the mattress (Fig. 13).

The mattress was then sunk into position by divers starting from one upstream corner and weighting the edges by sand bags. Bags of stone were also thrown all over the mattress to sink it completely. The next mattress had to be given a 5 ft. overlap and therefore pegs were driven through the mattress 5 ft. from its outer edge. The next mattress was then laid with its edge touching these pegs and the free end of the 7/14 wire of the previous mattress was tied on to the *balli* of the new one, given 8 turns round it and tied as at the other end.



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Photo No. 7. Gaps between cribs converted into piers. Note the tilting of cribs.

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The joint would be as shown in Fig. 14. In this way all the mattresses were tied to each other in succession through the rings in mooring posts. It was ensured that in case one mattress lifted or something happened it would not flow away unless the ring or mooring post gave way, in which case the other end of mattress would still be safe; but such chances would be remote. It is very important to note that each mattress must be adequately weighted down as if any portion remains lifted up, eddies will form underneath due to under-flow and, if of any considerable size, may damage the mattress. To avoid this the ends were all weighted with bags side by side and stone dumped all over. Care was however taken that the portion where the cribs were to come was covered with stone or bags. The placing of the last few mattresses generally gives trouble particularly if the final linking is done in deep water. To get over the difficulty the deep portions were matted in shallow and shallow portions afterwards. The mattrassing of the bed was started on 12th November, 1938 and completed on 26th November, 1938. In all 23 mattresses covering 575 ft. of river width and 54,600 sq. feet of bed were laid. In passing, it might be mentioned that a mattress should not be left in water for any length of time. Once it is brought into position it must be launched in position, otherwise *pilchi* gets heavy, soaks in water, and on account of its own weight the mattress sinks in sand from which it is very difficult to extricate.

Abutments.

Plate V (Fig. 1) shows the details of abutments as constructed. These were laid on *pilchi* mattresses and consisted of a central core of stone and sand bags with a backing of stone on both sides. The entire section of stone and sand bags was grouted with sand to make it leak-proof. The wings were similarly laid on the mattress as a further precaution. The central bag core was raised to R.L. 482.0, approximately 3.5 ft. above anticipated water level. An earthen bank was made on the upstream face of the abutment and wings and linked on to the marginal bund at either end. The work on these abutments was started simultaneously with the mattrassing and continued till 3rd December, 1938.

The launching of cribs followed the laying of mattresses in the bed. Photograph No. 6 and Plate No. V (Figs. 5 and 4) show the details of a crib. The object of a crib is to have a framework of a large size which when filled with bags and stone would form a sufficiently strong barrier against dislocation by any local concentration of flow. The stone backing in front and behind such a barrier becomes a safeguard against all contingencies. As the photograph shows it is a trapezoidal framework of *sal ballis* diagonally strutted across the direction of flow. The joints are nailed by $\frac{1}{2}$ " bars and are further strengthened by C. I. No. 10 wire and tying finally all the member

together at the joint. G. I. wire is then carried all round the crib and attached to the various members by means of U-staples. This affords a wire net round the crib which prevents stone and bags from being carried with the current. The bottom is floored with bags with a maximum spacing of 9", centre to centre. The cribs are open at the top to permit bags or stone being thrown in.

The floating and launching was done in two ways. The smaller cribs were lifted by diver gangs and carried in water and placed on rafts of 40-gallon empty barrels. These were floated and the cribs then slid into position. With the bigger cribs a different method was adopted. After construction all the cribs were placed along a narrow gauge track which was laid at such a low level that the frame of platform trucks came almost at ground level. Two N. G. truck platforms were placed one behind the other and the crib slid on to them and laid flat. The truck platform had ten feet sleepers attached to their top so as not to let the cribs overhang (See Fig. 15) Plate IX.

These were then pushed on a track extending well into the river where a raft of empty barrels was kept in readiness. The crib was transferred from platform trucks to this raft which was then tied on to a boat and floated close to the site. Here a gantry was erected on a boat which was anchored to an aerial ropeway on the upstream side. This ropeway was kept high enough to permit boats passing under it.

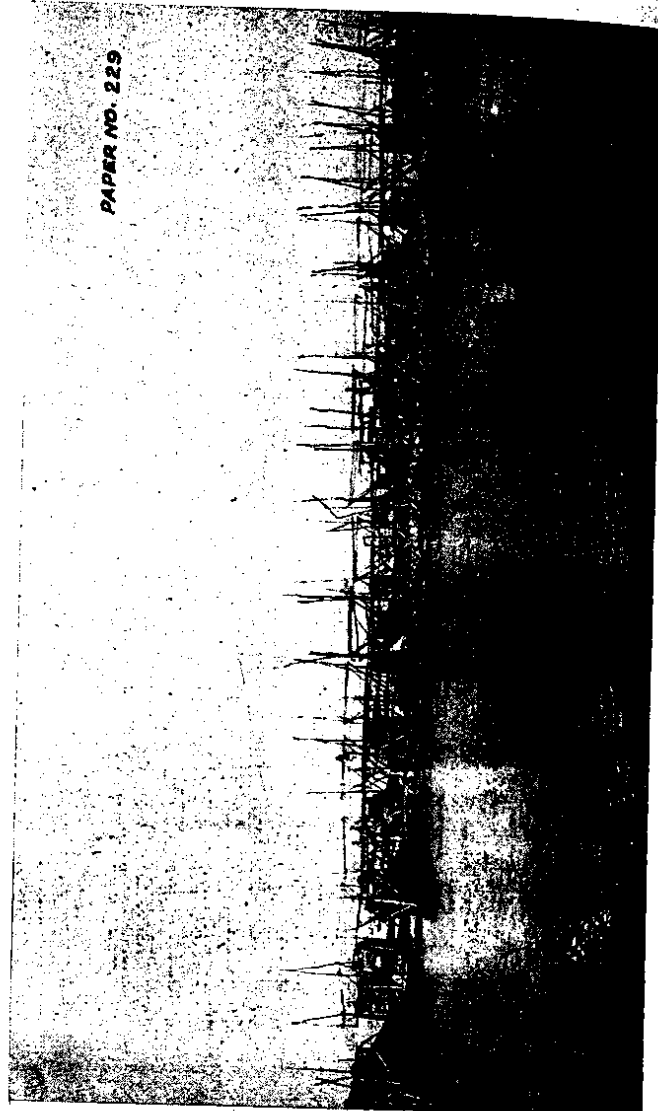
The crib was loosened from the raft and the gantry lifted it up. Men had to be employed to disengage the raft, which was then pulled out by ropes, worked from another boat anchored to the mooring posts. After the crib had been lifted by the gantry, the gantry boat took it to its proper position.

The divers were then sent under water to level up the ground by removing any sand bags or stone that may have been dumped to weight the mattress. The crib was aligned and lowered in position, and adjustment necessary being made by pulling or easing ropes tied to its corners. After it was lowered and properly placed one layer of sand bags was placed at the bottom of cribs, well packed. This was done by divers. In addition, precaution was taken that no water passed between the crib and mattress and undermine the latter. It is very essential to see that there are no projections and obstructions under the crib. A further safeguard was to line up sand bags upstream and in front of the cribs (Fig. 16) Plate IX so that the level of the bags inside and outside would be the same and fill up any openings that were left.

It was very essential not to restrict the waterway too much as this would lead to high velocities at local sections. Only the minimum construction was placed over the bed and that too gradually, to avoid any desirable heading up. Where the double row of cribs came in the lower was placed first and then the upper one but both were advanced together.



Photo No. 8. Gangway on cribs. Note downstream line of cribs tilted and anchoring arrangements of boats from aerial ropeways.



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Photo No. 9. Ideal conditions for stone...

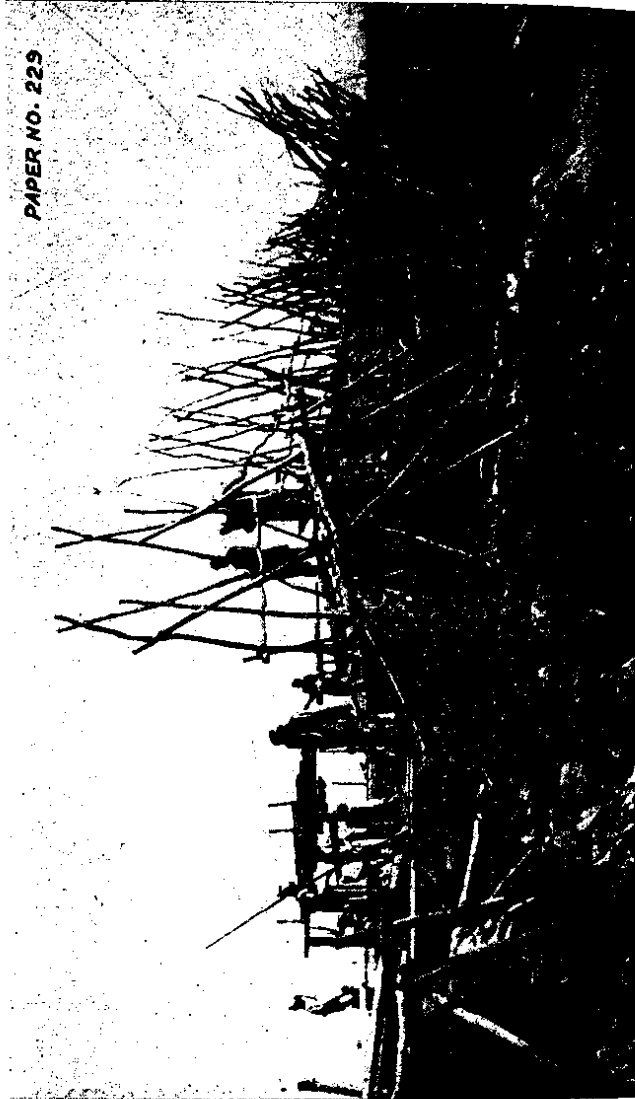


Photo No. 10. Concentrated flow on right partially controlled.
Note: tilting of cribs and top members of side cuts sloping towards the fall.

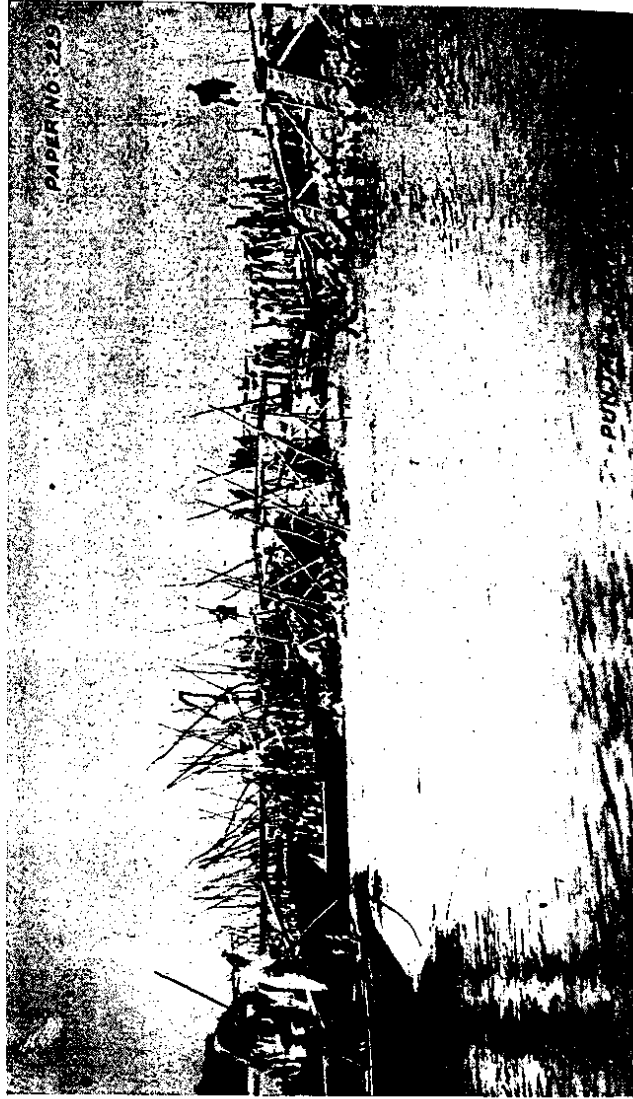


Photo No. 11. Concentrated flow on left bank, not fully controlled. Mark the settlement of cribs and gangway at X and also breaking up of cribs of lower line.

When the cribs were placed in position a gap of about 2 to 3 ft. was between the adjacent ones. This could not be helped because of the selection of *ballis* needed for strength. These gaps were closed with gunny bags which were held in position by means of wire running at 6" intervals and tying the adjacent cribs together. (See Fig. 7 Plate IX). These gaps filled with gunny bags made good (Photograph 7).

This had not only the advantage of converting the gap into piers by tying one crib to the other and thus keeping up continuity and additional strength. As was experienced later the effect was that when the cribs settled the *ballis* failed at joints, but the position of the crib did not materially alter. This meant that cribs adjusted their form to the settlement. Where there was any serious settlement, cribs were built up to the original level by additional *ballis* carefully joined and strutted.

The work of placing cribs was advanced from both sides but the work was rushed more than the left to enable the last crib being laid in the water.

The last crib would have to be specially constructed to suit the gap but this was managed by adjusting the spacing between the other cribs. Before putting the last crib, the boats required for passing stone were passed downstream. The laying of cribs was completed on 20th November, 1938 and completed on 1st December,

as the river had not yet been opened into the right undersluices it was essential not to do any heading up at the diversion bund and at the same time till then to ensure that whatever work could be done was done and not to lose time.

It was decided to lay one layer of stone on the mattress on the downstream side and to build up gaps between adjacent cribs by sand above water level, because this would restrict the waterway by about 6 p.c. which could be risked in view of the river discharge also having gone down. This gave a framework of a temporary regulator in 10 ft. bays (See photograph 7 opposite). The river was opened into the right pocket on 6th December, 1938 and it was not till then that the real rush started.

Ropeways.

The aerial ropeway erected upstream to anchor the gantry boat and in the unloading of cribs having done its job, was removed and fixed downstream. To speed up work, dumping of stone downstream had been done by boats. One main principle kept in view was to advance uniformly on the full front to avoid dangerous rush and scour at the closing. For this uniform dumping, boats had to be anchored all along

and this was arranged by the aerial ropeway about 5 ft. downstream from the central line of second crib line. 16 pulleys each with a chain and hook to which boats could be anchored against flow of water, were placed on this ropeway (See Fig. 18, Plate IX).

Permeable spurs on guide bank.

The selection of the lower site for the final diversion bund permitted further measures to be adopted to obstruct the river and draw it into the pocket as far as possible. With this end in view eight lines of permeable spurs were put in at the nose of the guide bank as shown on plate II.

The main choking and diversion had to be done by the first line. A double row of *ballis* was therefore driven on the first line which was just below the head of the diversion cut. It was proposed to have 5 ft. diameter *pilchi* rolls put at this site and to supplement its action the second row was also to have *pilchi* rolls. The others were to have hanging *pilchi*. It was not possible to drive *ballis* where water was deeper than 10—12 ft. Such gaps were left out from the lines and trees were thrown and anchored down by stone in *trangers* at these places. The surface anchoring was done by tying trees to empty drums (floated) which were then tied to *ballis*. All *pilchi* rolls and *pilchi* mattresses for hanging were got ready earlier, all lines were stranded with G. I. wire and further necessary material collected in front of each line. The day the cut was opened, a rush was made on all these lines and they were completed. After that, maintenance was carried on during the day.

The difference between the action of permeable spurs at the Malkana (right) creek and this site was that in the former the water was to be diverted from shallower to a deeper channel and in the latter from a deeper to a shallower cut which had yet to develop. The efficiency of these spurs at this site was therefore small as no considerable heading up was possible with these, but as a source of obstruction in the river they were useful and helped the cut to take more discharge.

Stone.

Work was started on the diversion bund on 7th December with full rush. An attempt was made to close the side cribs by bags and advance earth in front of them. This was found risky as with the increase in head cribs began to settle rapidly. It was therefore decided not to take any further risks and to go ahead with the stone dumping in full section. This was done uniformly. As the stone dumping advanced, cribs also started showing signs of settlement in the downstream side. Photograph 8 shows the general tilting of cribs of downstream line. To stop further damage it was very essential to destroy



Photo No. 12. Dumping by boats and tram trucks.



Photo No. 13. Tarpaulins stretched and being sewn to cribs with gunny bags.
Note diver taking down sand bag to weight its end.



Photo No. 14. Tarpaulins being stretched out of water by boats.



Photo No. 15. Boats moving away after stretching tarpaulin on water.
Note the ropes stretching it in all directions.

which was being created. On the right end the current was so great that stone dumped was also being carried away. Two cribs were placed to the downstream line and loaded with stone. Stone was also dumped around the cribs and the situation was thus brought under control after about 10 hours struggle during the night. Conditions became such that wherever free falls existed and there were about 5 of these. Photograph 11 shows a typical fall. After the force was half controlled by the horizontal members sloping down from both sides towards the tail end as shown in photograph 9. The concentrated flow on the left bank gave greater trouble and had to be controlled by adding more cribs on the downstream side. The settlement was very apparent from Statement II. Photograph 11 also shows the settlement in the gangway carried over the top horizontal members of the cribs. It shows almost complete settlement of one crib and sideways towards concentrated flow of a new crib placed at the back. It also shows how the side cross members of cribs of the lower line have broken on the downstream side and got broken. These settled cribs were made up after concentrated flow was controlled and the gangway was raised. Uniform strengthening and raising was necessary to prevent concentration of flow at the low sites. The sites of concentrated flow were invariably accompanied by settlement of cribs.

From the successive settlement of cribs it was clear that dumping must continue to well above the water level on the downstream side. When the stone had appeared above water on the downstream side, dumping was started on the upstream side. Weighting by stone and signs of tilting of upstream line of cribs on the upstream side. Inspections and examination of bed by divers showed pot holes on the upstream side where settlement had occurred. It was therefore decided to take no risks to carry on with stone dumping until the stone showed above water level on the upstream side as well and water passed through the stone voids. The second line of cribs and the space between the two lines were at first intended to be filled up with sand bags but as they would block the waterway it was decided to fill them with stone. The gap between adjacent cribs had however already been filled up with sand bags to form piers. Whenever any portion was filled with stone, the cribs showed tilting towards that side and many were breaking up of some members to permit the crib frame work to settle itself to the settlement in the mattress. This settlement was prevented because it covered up pot holes and ensured mattresses sitting on a bed. As the stone dumping was in progress men were made to work on the downstream mattress and invariably the ends showed that the mattress had sunk in and had adjusted itself to the scoured bed. Observations made it very clear that there was progressive undermining below the mattresses due to the increasing head and it was a race against the rate of undermining and the protection and consolidation by stone dumping. For the first few days the river got the better

of it but soon it came under control. Once the stone showed itself downstream water level N. G. track was laid and N. G. trucks used to supplement stone dumping from boats. (Photograph 12). Trucks usually worked in shallow water and boats in deep water. The shoaling up of the downstream river bed due to the sand from underneath the mattress the working of boats had become difficult and inefficient. They could not carry the full load of stone and the lead from the stacks to boats had increased.

The water level upstream was expected to rise to R. L. 478.0, so it was proposed to carry the stone to R. L. 480.0 both upstream and downstream. The proposed minimum section downstream is shown on Plate V. Below water level stone was allowed to take its own course. The completion of stone to full section advanced from the two ends. It was completed both upstream and downstream about the same time. After this, a covering of ballast was laid over the upstream stone face to give a more or less even bedding for the tarred gunny-bag tarpaulin to be stretched.

After the ballast had been put in the filling up of the cribs with sand bags began. It will be recalled that only a one foot layer of sand bags had been put in as any greater depth of sand-bag filling would have caused undue obstruction and forced more water from beneath the mattress with consequent danger of undermining, but this danger disappeared with the stone protection laid to full section. With the rise of water upstream as a result of heading up the depth of water at the upstream line of cribs was now considerable. The divers had to be employed to pack the cribs with sand bags to within 4 ft. below water level. This was done by four divers working on each crib, two from each end. Bags were handed over to each man who dived with it and they were put one against the other and this had to be done very carefully because on its proper execution depended the stoppage of leakage. The filling to 4 ft. of filling was done after the tarpaulins had been laid.

At this stage it was considered advisable to start closing up the earthwork. On 12th December an attempt was made to see if the earthwork could be advanced without a tarpaulin covering on the stream but though the portion well away from the crib lines showed some advance there was no advance along the cribs and all earth thrown was carried through the stone. This attempt was therefore given up and the laying of tarpaulins started on the 14th evening.

Tarpaulins.

Gunny bags had been opened out and sewn in the form of a tarpaulin 60 ft. long and 50 ft. wide. The tarpaulins were of ample width to cover the stone face, the *pilchi* mattress upstream and extend a few feet over the sand bed. Stretching straight it would have been enough

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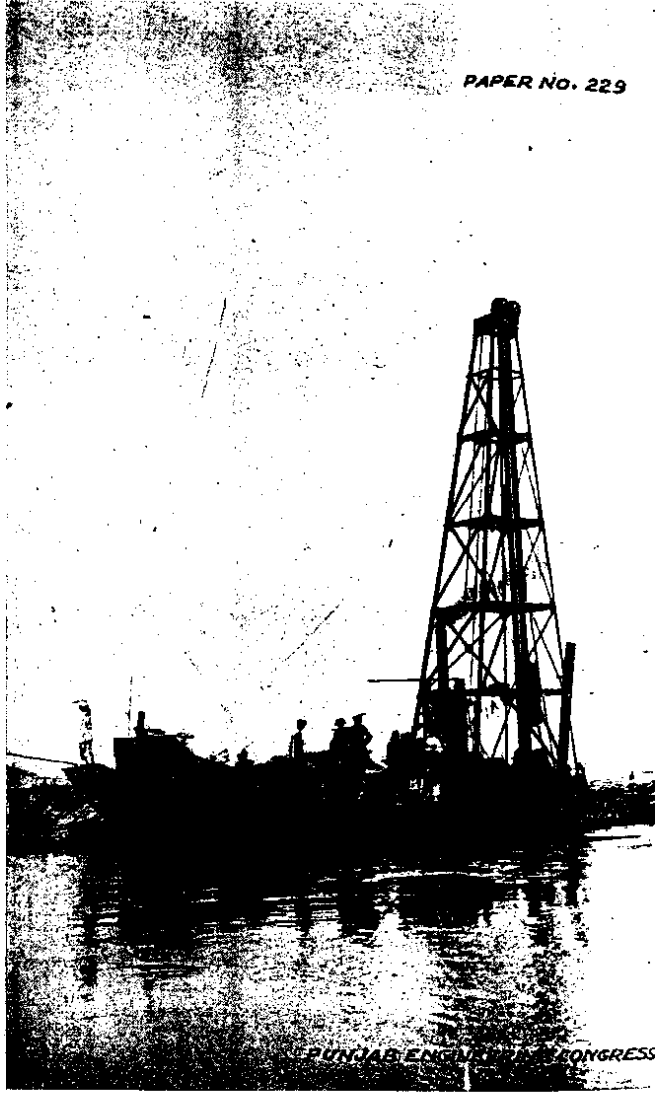


Photo No. 16. Sheet pile driver mounted on a 1000 maund country boat with which piles up to 35 ft. length were driven at the sheet pile regulator at Suleimanki river division site. No. 7 hammer was used.



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Photo No. 17. Sheet pile regulator used for diversion of the river at Suleimanki (March and April 1925). Note the pile abutment on right and the carries in the regulator spans used for gradual heading up of water.

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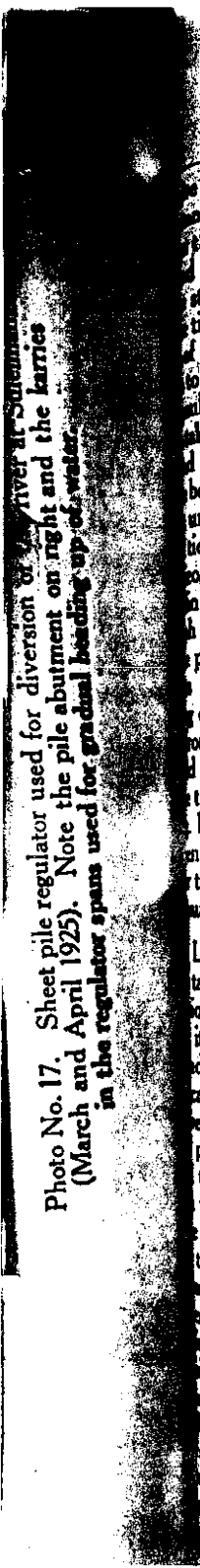


Photo No. 17. Sheet pile regulator used for diversion of river at Trimmu. Note the pile abutment on right and the karrics in the regulator spans used for gradual heading up of water.

... a 40 ft. width but it is desirable to let the tarpaulin remain loose so that it does not get torn by stretching and thus permit leakage. They were sewn they were spread out. Lime and kerosene oil were in coal tar which was then applied hot by brushes. Sand was strewn on to prevent coal tar sticking when rolling. *Sal ballis* tied and sewn into that end which was to remain at the cribs and water and small thin *sal* pieces 4 ft. long to the other end which to go in water. The object of small pieces is that they permit the tarpaulin being pulled by ropes passing round it and at the same time take the general shape of the bed of river. The tarpaulin was then rolled and lifted by slings and loaded on two boats joined lengthways. The boats were then rowed in position alongside the cribs. The tarpaulin unrolled on the boat and the end with the long *ballis* was pulled out and tied on to the cribs. Empty bags were passed round the upstream horizontal member of cribs and its two ends under and above the tarpaulin where it was sewn, thus tying the tarpaulin to the crib. (Photograph 13). The tarpaulin was then unrolled on the boats, the boats pulled by means of ropes from heavy boats anchored with mooring and thus the tarpaulin was stretched. (Photograph 14). This done ropes were tied to the tarpaulin front at three places and pull from boats. Two ropes on each side were also tied. Since no *ballis* be sewn on the sides and a straight pull on the tarpaulin would be torn it, small stone pieces were rolled in and ropes tied round them. (Photograph 19, Plate IX and Photograph 15). To make sure that the joint between adjacent tarpaulins was fully covered a 10 ft. overlap was given, the tarpaulin had been stretched as above the boats moved out and tarpaulin rested completely on water as shown in the photograph.

Loading of the tarpaulin with sand bags was then started. Care was taken by manipulating the pull from the seven ropes not to leave any portion of the tarpaulin stretched when laid and the divers made sure it rested loose at the ends. To enable water to get out from under and to ensure satisfactory bedding the divers started loading it from the cribs down to the bed and then over the mattress. Sand bags were passed to divers (see photograph 13) who went with them in water and placed them side by side making sure that no sand bag thrown to the previous tarpaulin was lying under its end. Before the sand bags were completely laid on the front line, weighting of tarpaulin was done by dumping bags from boats so as to expel any water underneath and thus give it a firm bedding. In spite of all these precautions the tarpaulin got occasionally torn by stone and these gaps had to be closed by the divers by covering them with small tarpaulins and weighting them. The existence of such gaps was indicated by the earth coming to advance. Divers were then sent in to localize the gaps. It is generally not desirable to advance more than one tarpaulin at a time. When an area is covered and a local breach occurs in the tarpaulin, water starts gushing out under high pressure and might suck in more and more of tarpaulin thus accentuating the original breach. The pressure of water is equal to the difference in upstream and downstream water

levels is likely to tear the tarpaulin on stones if it is not looked on them. As the last tarpaulin had to be put in earlier due to consideration of advancing of earth about four big gaps were made and two more tarpaulins 20 ft. x 30 ft. had to be laid to cover the

Final Closure.

With the tarpaulins laid the advancing of earthwork was started on 15th December from one end and on the 16th from the other. It was at first contemplated to lay all the tarpaulins and start advancing on the entire front to avoid the otherwise heavy concentration of earth in the middle. Arrangements were therefore made to keep the boat bridge ready and this was borrowed from the Buildings and Roads Department who had dismantled Talibwala ferry in anticipation of completion of the road bridge at Trimmu. The boat bridge however could not be brought into action till stone dumping on the upstream side was completed and tarpaulins laid. By then the earthwork by donkeys had advanced sufficiently from both ends and the full number of donkeys could work on these fronts. The boat bridge was however kept ready in case of need. The cribs in front of which the earth-work had advanced had served their purpose hence their tops were sawn off and a 5 ft. wide sand bag path covered with sand was made available for advancing earthwork along the entire face. With this additional frontage the gap was closed on the 17th night.

Head on Diversion Bund.

The maximum head across the diversion bund was 4.9 ft. on the evening of 17th December. The perusal of the graph on plate VII shows that the gauge upstream of the diversion bund went by gradually as the stone dumping advanced. But as a result of the final closure by means of tarpaulins and earthwork the gauge rose rapidly between the 15th and 17th. Statement IV gives the head across the bund and discharge through the diversion cut for the period 6th to 17th December. The graph of head at diversion bund and the discharge through the cut (Plate VI) shows that the rate of increase of discharge was greater as the head increased. The real development of the cut took place with the increase in head. Statement III shows the effect on various gauges during the diversion period.

Lighting Arrangements.

On account of the extensive area in which works were scattered and the necessity of work being carried out at night very efficient lighting arrangements were needed. A transmission line was carried to the bund and two flood lights at either end were fixed to throw beams of light on the main work. In addition to this a line carried across the river along the mooring posts and up to the borrow pits where donkeys were working. Petromax lamps were used at places remote from the electric line and occasionally to supplement electric lighting.

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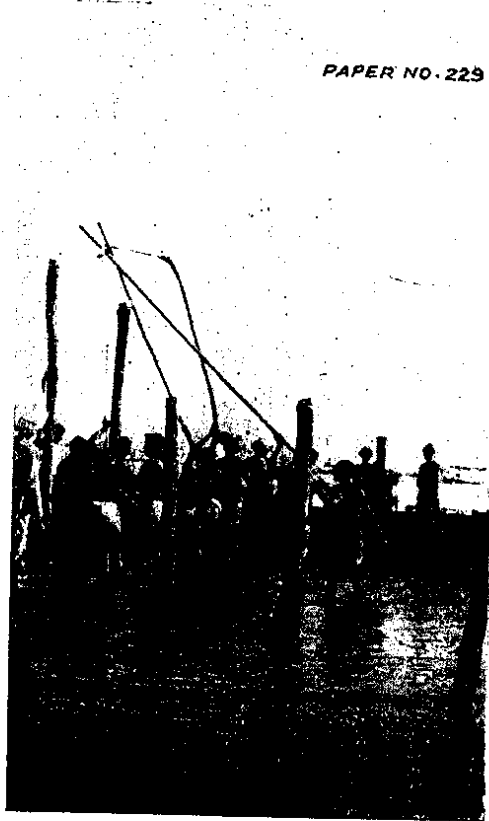


Photo No. 18. Jetting sal ballas in river bed. The fire engine is mounted on a boat on the right. Note the jetting pipe alongside the sal balla.

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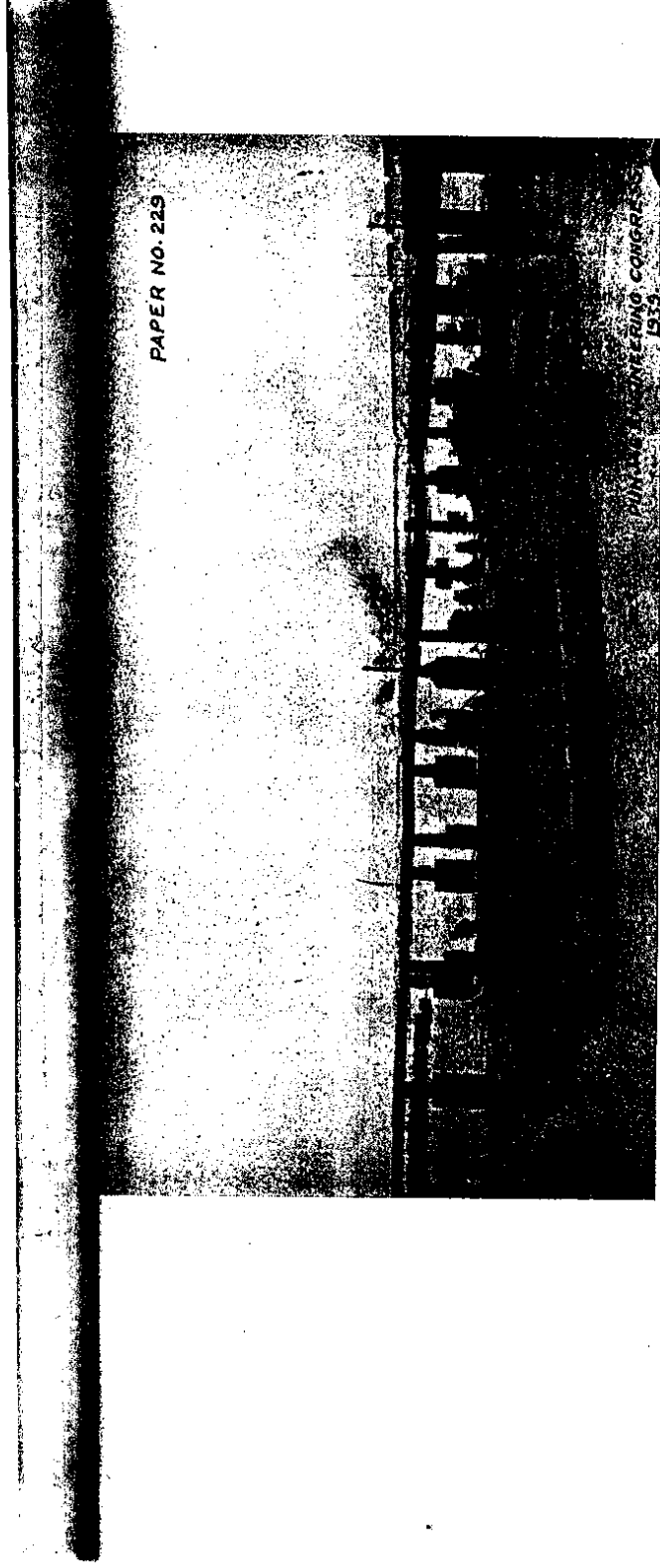
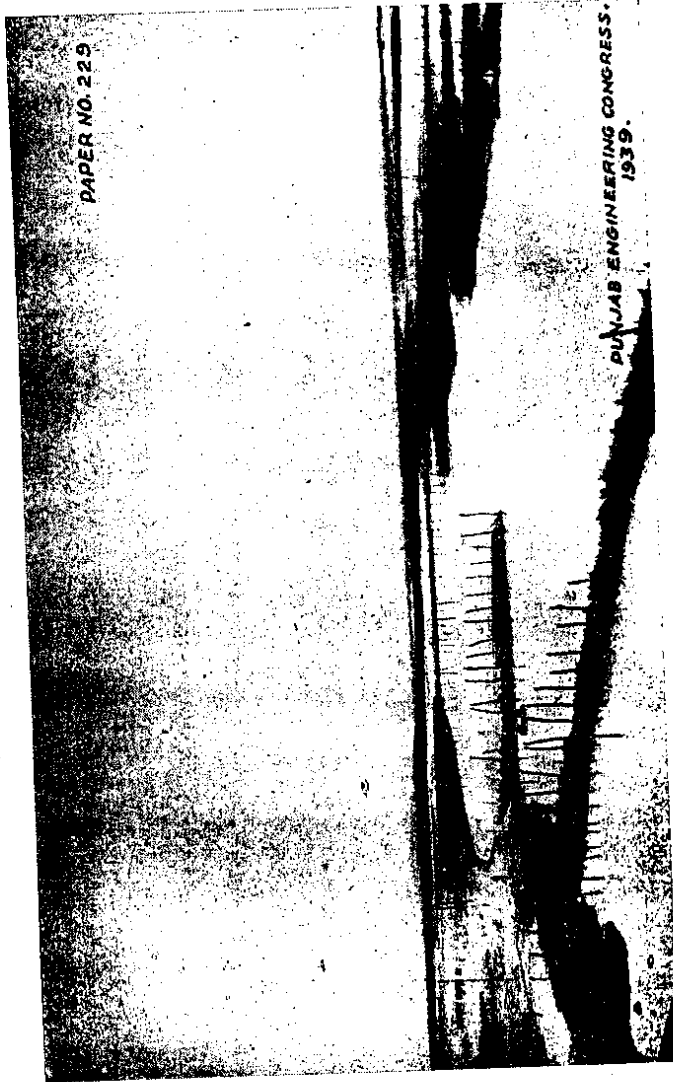


Photo No. 19. Sheet Pile regulator at Suleimanki with a pilchi mattress floated downstream of it in position and boats on either side of the latter to weight it down with stone.



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Photo No. 20. Permeable Spurs as first tried at Suleimanki (1925).

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Figures and Collection of Materials.

Collection of materials started in October and all materials were well in advance. Filled sand bags were kept ready. *Pilchi* was started as soon as river conditions permitted. Mattresses got ready by the 10th November and cribs by the middle of November. A reserve of *pilchi* and bags and *ballis* was arranged which proved to be very useful. Tramway lines were all laid out in advance. Material kept at hand for emergencies. 46 divers had to be brought from the upper reaches of Sutlej as the local boatmen were of a type who could not be trusted to work for any length of time. 33 boats were employed on dumping stone and sand bags, permeable spurs and four for miscellaneous jobs. A country boat was based and a gantry fitted on it. 180 N. G. trucks were brought for the carriage of stone. Four N. G. locos were kept ready in case of necessity. About 40 gangmen were always working on relaying, relaying and linking of N. G. track. Tarpaulins were well in advance. All materials for the permeable spurs at the upstream right guide bank was kept at each spur ready to be used as the cut was opened. About 1000 donkeys and 1700 men were working during the period of rush on the diversion bund in addition to the labour on cuts. Most of the work was done locally. Preparing of mattresses, part of stone dumping or sand dumping and all earthwork were done on contract labour. For the last part of the work continued day and night though night work was necessary. It was only a well planned and carefully thought out job which completed the work in such a short time. The final work which was expected to be finished by Christmas week was done on the night between 17th and 18th December.

Provision for Freshets.

At the time of the diversion it was found that the development of the cut was such that a discharge of 1245 cusecs could only be passed with a head of 9 ft. This meant that in case freshets came in, heading up the river, a considerable amount of water might be held up, endangering the diversion bund. Further, the discharge might be beyond the capacity of the right undersluices without overflowing. There would be no possibility of water passing through the left undersluices before early March. The freshets had to be passed through the right undersluices and the adjoining cut-off which were separated from the left group by a substantial bund with suitable cut-offs on grouted stone aprons. No secondary bund across the ungrouted stone apron had any chance of holding the head of water between river level on one side and the level on the other. Statement V of maximum discharges for various years shows that in December the maximum ranged from 10,363 in 1869, in January 1700 to 23,700, in February 1230 to 35,365 and in 1900 to 1,05,000 cusecs.

If the waterway downstream were sufficient to permit conditions at the right pocket, considerably higher discharges passed but enough waterway to permit these did not exist. As the natural creek was to become useful and was to serve as an cut. By the end of January it was anticipated that 13 bays of weir would be able to function as the bridge would be complete erection would have well advanced. After January therefore had to be passed through the right half. This indicated the for fresh leading cuts both upstream and downstream which of the creek as far as possible.

The cross bund segregating the left half of the weir therefore designed to withstand a discharge of one lakh cusecs with a possible level of 490'0 but natural surface being at R. L. 487'0 any this will get automatic relief by spills over the *bela*. The top of bund was however fixed at 494'0 and arrangements made to spills out of the working area in the left half.

Effect of timely Closure.

The L. C. C. system was to have a closure from the 13th Till the diversion bund was completed no water could be escape Khanki and even freshets had to be absorbed as far as possible closure of the diversion bund on 18th December, 1938 however the Lower Chenab Canal closure to be fully utilized and allowed to be escaped below Khanki on 20th December, 1938 plus came well in time and helped to develop the diversion cut.

Costs.

The statement of material costs and rates is attached as A. Other useful information relating to the work is also included.

Conclusions.

The diversion of a river marks the virtual completion of headworks, as the original channel having been closed and no longer available all rises in the river from small freshets, to have to be regulated over the completed works.

River diversion is therefore the crowning act in a headwork construction, and has to be very carefully planned and properly executed. It is essentially a tricky job and to make full use of the time an early start is extremely desirable and the successful completion should be aimed at as early in the winter as possible, and before the winter rains set in. It should therefore be timed to the period of lowest supply in the river when chances of success are assured and at the same time allowing sufficient period for excavation work in diversion cut or cuts.

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1934-1935		193.
Min.	Max.	Min.
1490	2530	1527
1331	3520	1306
1379	4506	1628
10648	31105	1161
4296	36123	26715

STATEMENT I

Maximum and minimum discharges November—March for last 10 years.

Name of the month.	1927-1928.		1928-1929.		1929-1930.		1930-1931.		1931-1932.		1932-1933.		1933-1934.		1934-1935.		1935-36.		1936-37.		1937-38.	
	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.
November	1980	2484	1938	3472	4028	14251	1000	29858	2128	3908	1399	3240	2696	10276	1490	2530	1327	2842	1826	2628	1430	4800
December	1700	2802	2058	15089	2088	8169	1520	2120	1568	2512	1080	1477	2653	4518	1831	3520	1306	2001	1730	4886	1279	2890
January	1364	1868	2354	17600	4125	21800	1470	23700	1386	11545	974	1700	1888	5844	1379	4506	1028	4467	1944	5867	2319	17184
February	1477	18058	4281	18000	4866	22400	2388	15701	1520	5876	806	1230	1366	2102	10848	31105	1161	2645	1709	12688	2620	35268
March	7447	18667	4593	20010	7500	51000	6581	19546	1427	20072	824	33880	1300	10383	4296	36123	26715	106000	9321	31824	13004	38213

STATEMENT II

Statement showing the levels of cribs during diversion operations.

(Cribs initially fixed at R. L. 480.)

Figures in Antique show Settlement.

No. of cribs 1st line	Fixed level of crib.	SUNK CONDITON OF CRIBS DURING OPERATIONS.										
		7-12-38.	8-12-38	9-12-38.	10-12-38.	11-12-38.	12-12-38	13-12-38.	14-12-38	15-12-38.	16-12-38	17-12-38
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	480'0	477'7	477'7	477'7	477'7	477'7	477'7	476'3	478'30			
	480'0	474'7	474'7	474'4	474'7	474'7	474'7	474'7	474'7	474'7		
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	480'0	480'0	480'0	480'0	476'3	476'1	475'8	475'8	476'2	476'2		
	480'0	480'0	480'0	480'0	479'5	478'1	477'9	476'6	476'0	476'0		
	480'0	480'0	480'0	480'0	479'3	478'6	477'2	477'2	477'2	477'10	477'10	477'10
	480'0	480'0	480'0	480'0	479'6	479'2	478'9	477'8	477'4	477'2	477'15	477'16
	480'0	480'0	480'0	480'0	479'6	479'2	478'9	478'9	478'2	478'15	478'05	478'06
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	480'0	480'0	480'0	480'0	479'8	479'7	479'7	479'3	478'97	478'97	478'97	478'97
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The work should not be permitted to be dragged into the freshet as not only will it mean heavier discharges and therefore greater but the chances of failure will be greater and the excessive time needed for closure may bring us to discharges too heavy to be controlled, necessitating postponement to the next cold weather with all the attendant expense and risk.

If a failure occurs it will be necessary to repair the damage done by the river and thus cover the lost ground before starting the work all over again. This will mean extra costs in addition to serious set-back. As the stakes are very heavy it will be seen that in planning or execution of diversion works there is no room for taking risks. The design of diversion bund should therefore aim at making it oversafe rather than work on a margin. It should be strong enough to withstand any possible rise in water level during operations and have ample margin of safety.

The chief controlling factor in the design of diversion bund is the slope. It should be steep across it and to reduce it to the minimum the diversion cuts should be deeper at the tail and wider at the head. If labour conditions permit a liberal waterway on these lines should be provided in the cuts as far as possible.

The stakes in river diversion are so heavy that successful completion should be the main aim and costs should be given only a secondary consideration. There should be enough of reserve material in case of contingencies.

If piles are not available a stone-cum-crib bund is the only safe one where the heads are likely to be excessive.

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River Diversion at Trimmu.

STATEMENT III
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Date.	Head of diversion cut.	Upstream diversion bund.	Down-stream diversion bund.	Tail of diversion cut.	Head of diversion bund.
1-12-38	474.50	474.14	473.91	473.45	
2-12-38	474.50	474.19	473.86	473.60	
3-12-38	474.50	474.19	473.81	473.35	
4-12-38	474.55	474.27	473.81	473.35	
5-12-38	474.55	474.29	473.79	473.35	
6-12-38	475.00	474.44	473.76	473.30	
7-12-38	475.00	474.64	473.46	473.05	
8-12-38	475.50	474.79	473.51	473.40	
9-12-38	475.50	475.19	473.66	473.20	
10-12-38	476.10	475.54	473.46	473.20	
11-12-38	476.45	475.79	473.59	473.18	
12-12-38	476.50	476.09	473.50	473.15	
13-12-38	476.80	476.30	473.41	473.15	
14-12-38	476.90	476.46	473.46	473.13	
15-12-38	477.10	476.62	473.46	473.12	
16-12-38	477.60	477.24	473.31	473.02	
17-12-38	478.20	477.89	473.26	473.03	
17-12-38 evening		478.10	473.20		
18-12-38	478.35	477.99	473.26	473.13	
19-12-38	478.30	477.94	473.36	473.40	
20-12-38	478.30	477.94	473.46	473.46	
21-12-38	478.00	477.89	473.61	473.65	
22-12-38	478.00	477.84	473.66	473.68	
23-12-38	477.95	477.79	473.76	473.80	
24-12-38	477.90	477.75	473.81	473.83	
25-12-38	477.85	477.64	473.86	473.88	
26-12-38	477.85	477.74	473.88	473.91	
27-12-38	477.90	477.80	473.92	473.95	
28-12-38	478.45	478.30	474.00	474.02	
29-12-38	479.00	478.90	474.35	474.38	
30-12-38	479.00	478.80	474.42	474.45	
31-12-38	478.85	478.74	474.50	474.50	

STATEMENT IV

Statement of discharges of diversion cut with reference to head across diversion bund.

Head across bund.	Morning.			Evening.			
	Time.	Head across bund.	Discharge of diversion		Head across bund.	Discharge of diversion.	
			At head.	At tail.		At head.	At tail.
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1	12-38
1	12-38	1.18	256	..	1.24
2	12-38	1.28	272	..	1.50
2	12-38	1.53	303	..	1.90
3	12-38	2.08	331	..	2.10	400	..
4	12-38	2.20	405	..	2.46	427	..
4	12-38	2.59	436	..	2.65	497	..
4	12-38	2.89	497	..	3.10	533	..
4	12-38	3.00	516	..	3.10	550	..
4	12-38	3.16	573	..	3.40	601	..
5	12-38	3.93	699	..	4.30	750	..
5	12-38	4.63	1154	..	4.90	1245	..

STATEMENT V
Statement of maximum discharges in the months of December to March for the last 10 years.

Year	December		January		February		March	
	Date.	Discharge	Date	Discharge	Date	Discharge	Date	Discharge
1929	18-12-29	8169	31-1-29	17000	4-2-29	16000	30-3-29	20019
1930	1-12-30	2120	17-1-30	21300	3-2-30	22400	20-3-30	51000
1931	2-12-31	2512	27-1-31	23700	1-2-31	15701	8-3-31	19546
1932	1-12-32	1477	15-1-32	11545	19-2-32	5876	15-3-32	20072
1933	4-12-33	4518	1-1-33	1700	1-2-33	1230	27-3-33	33680
1934	22-12-34	3520	10-1-34	5944	23-2-34	2102	16-3-34	10363
1935	9-12-35	2001	31-1-35	4506	1-2-35	31105	31-3-35	36123
1936	26-12-36	4986	9-1-36	4467	29-2-36	2645	3-3-36	105000
1937	27-12-37	2390	4-1-37	5967	27-2-37	12688	3-3-37	31834
1938			6-1-38	17164	17-2-38	35368	29-3-38	39513

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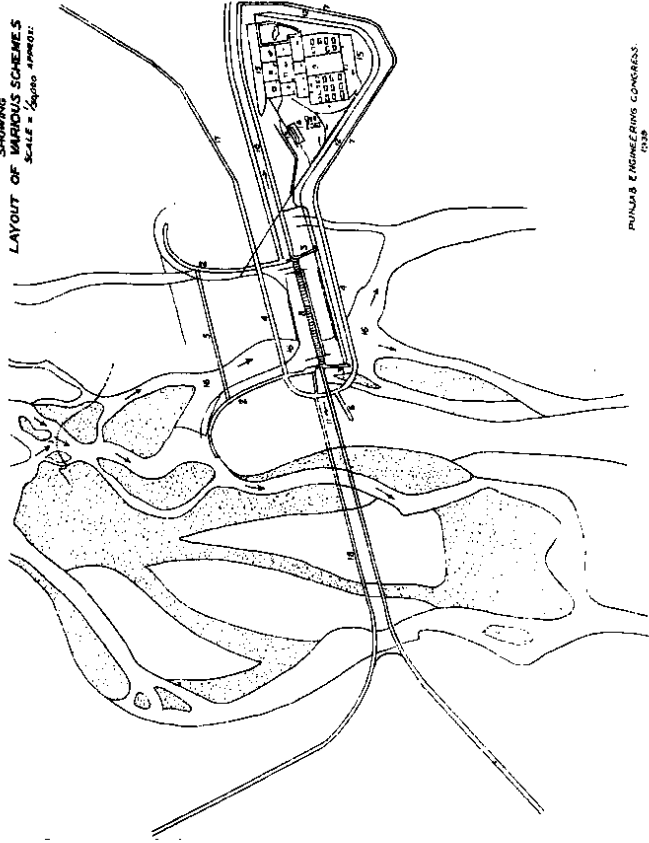
STATEMENT VI

Statement showing the width at various points in right cut.

Site	Widths		
	Cunette width	On 5-1-39	On 15-1-39.
1	146	210	255
2	150	181	235
3	146	142	210
4	125	172	185
5	109	155	165
6	107	177	180
7	117	136	144
			Pocket line
8	125	190	191
9	126	170	184
10	128	183	189
11	127	226	233
12	105	163	168
13	130	153	153
14	116	174	174
15	133	142	144
16	126	144	149
17	110	136	140
18	126	141	146

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GENERAL PLAN
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LAYOUT OF VARIOUS SCHEMES
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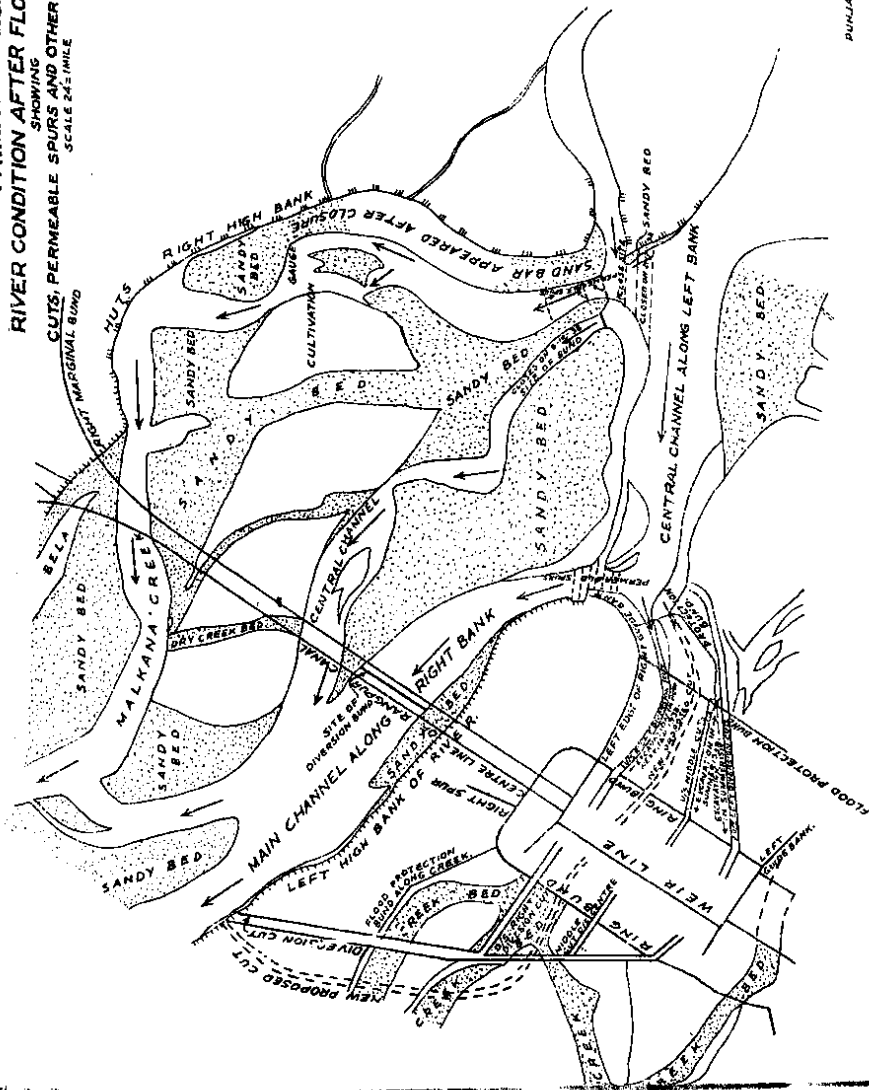


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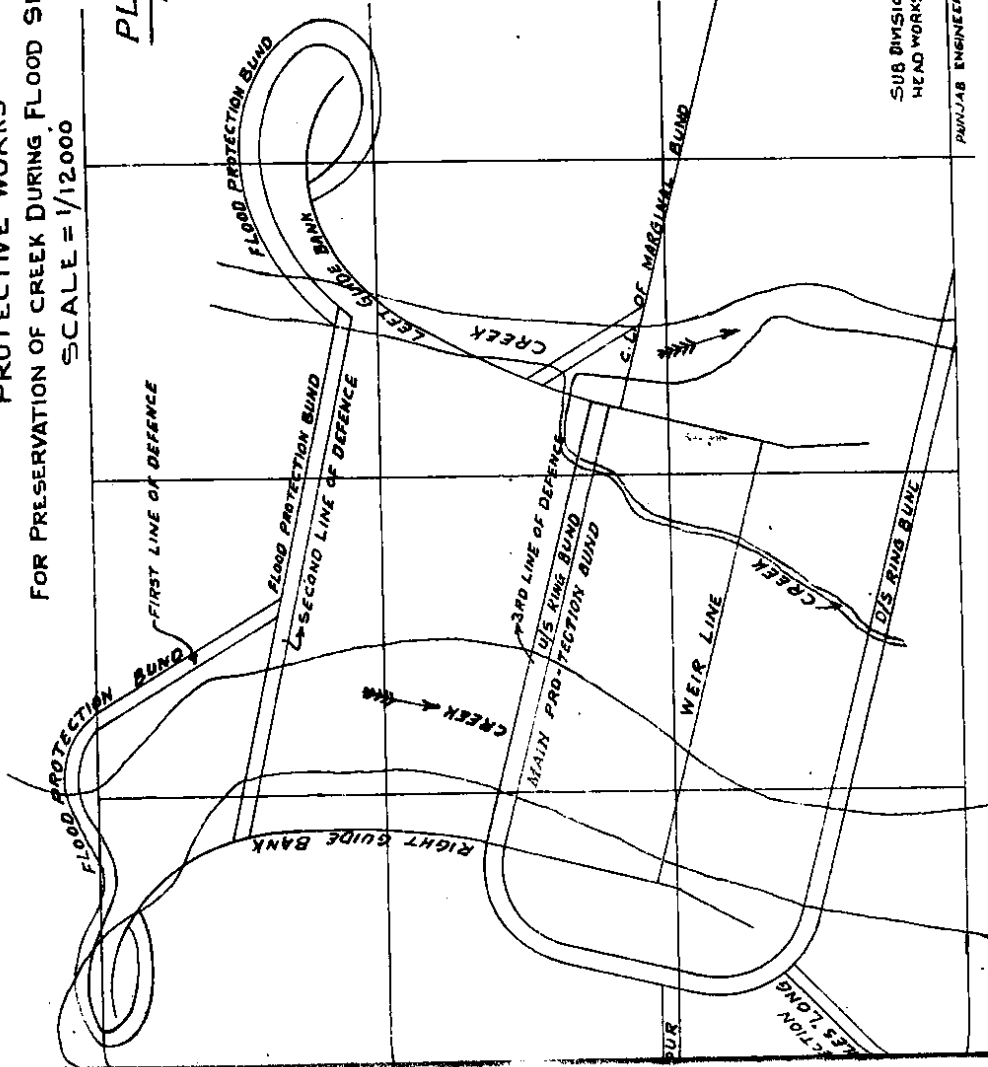
1. Trimou Ferry of Junction of Rivers Ghamb (Right) and Jambun (Left) across.
2. Guide Bank—downstream.
3. Ring Bands—protecting working area during construction from river attack.
4. Upper secondary protection bund.
5. Right Spur protecting ring bunds from river attack.
6. Protection Bund round Station.
7. Emerson Barrage with weir and left and right underdrains, including silt extractors and head Discharge of canals. The right side Wall of the right separates the weir from the Right Underdrains (or Right Pocket) and the Left Underdrains (or Left Pocket). The side Wall in the Left Pocket separates the extractor bays of the Underdrains from the non-connector bay.
8. Recreation Hall situated by officers, bungalows and Rest House on top and staff quarters on the other three sides.
9. Marginal Bund—Left—which will be lined for 45 miles of its length.
10. Rangpur Canal which will be completed across the river after the latter is diverted over the bridge.
11. Railway Bridge.
12. Power House.
13. Workshops.
14. Road.
15. The Right Creek which will be diverted for diversion of river.
16. Left marginal bund.
17. Right marginal bund.

TRIMMU DIVISION
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SHOWING
CUTS, PERMEABLE SPURS AND OTHER DIVERSION WORKS
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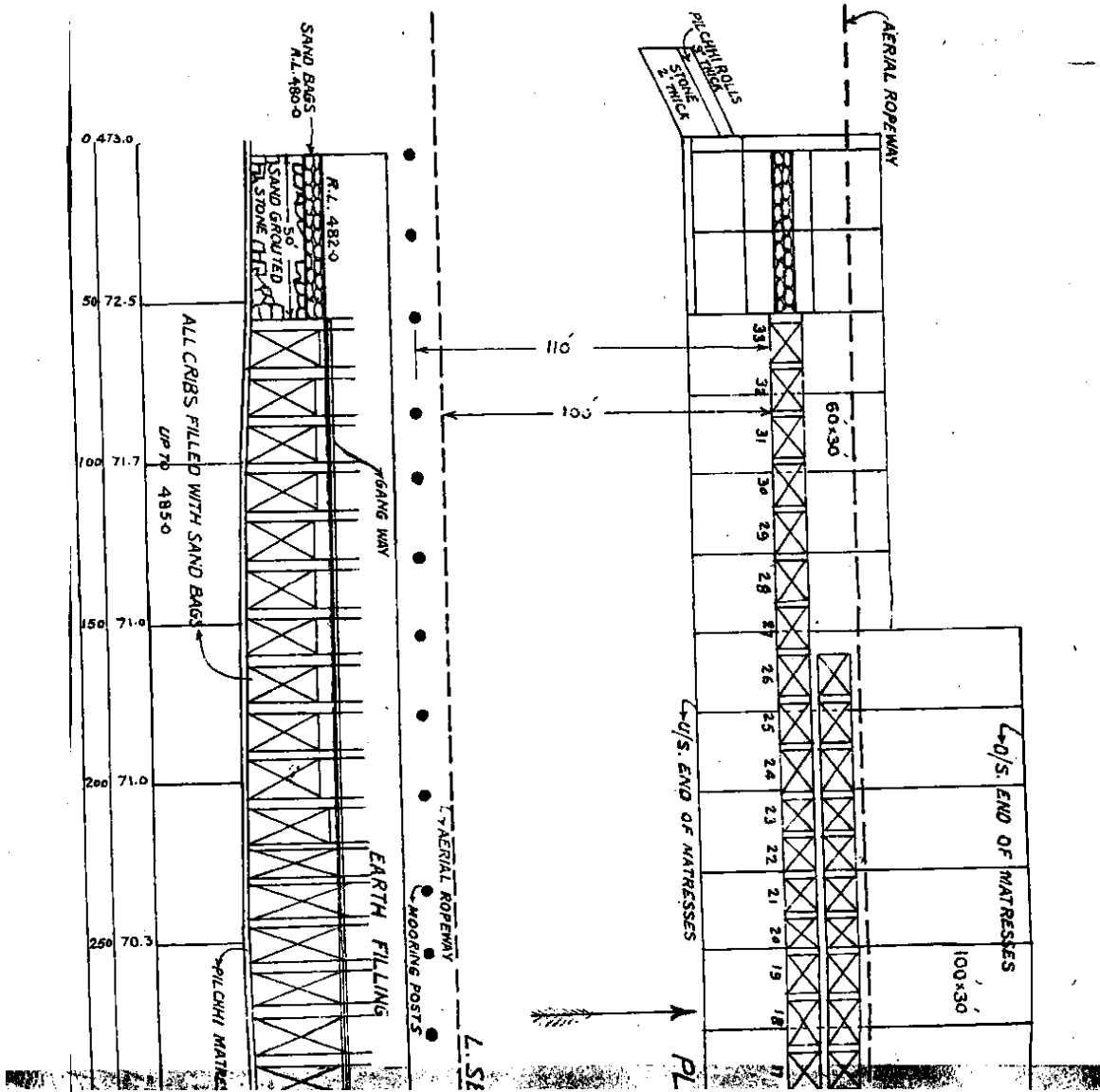
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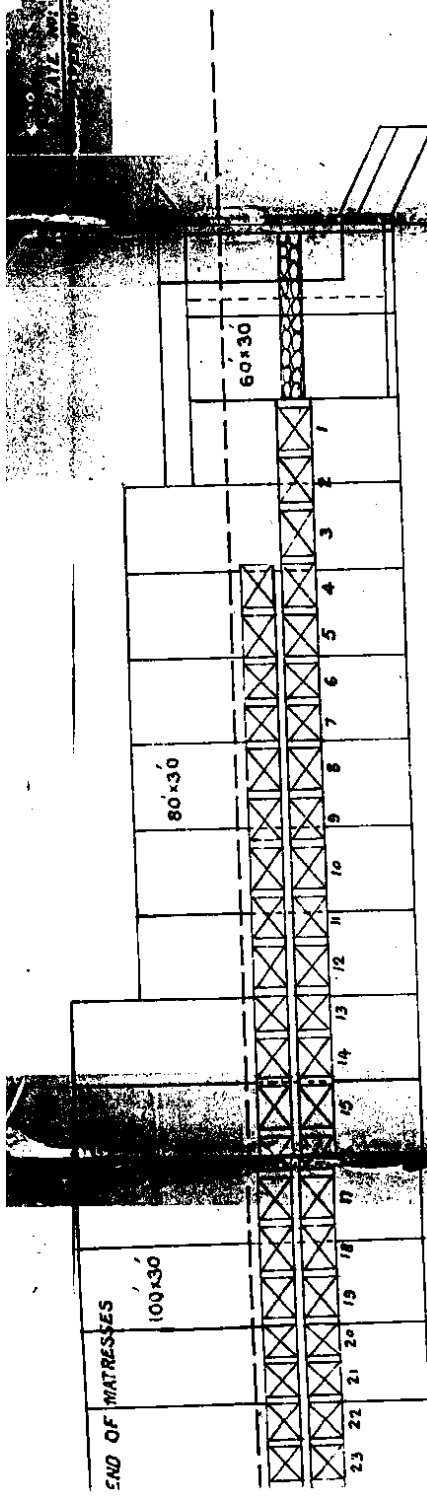


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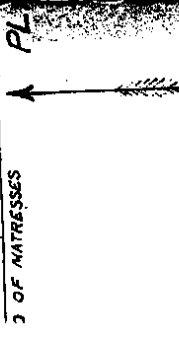


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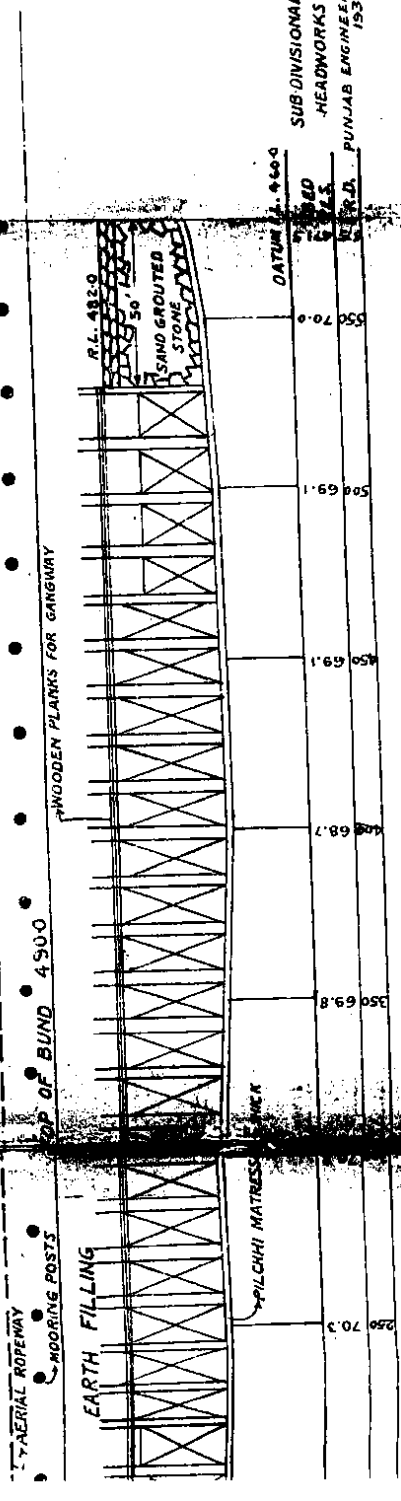


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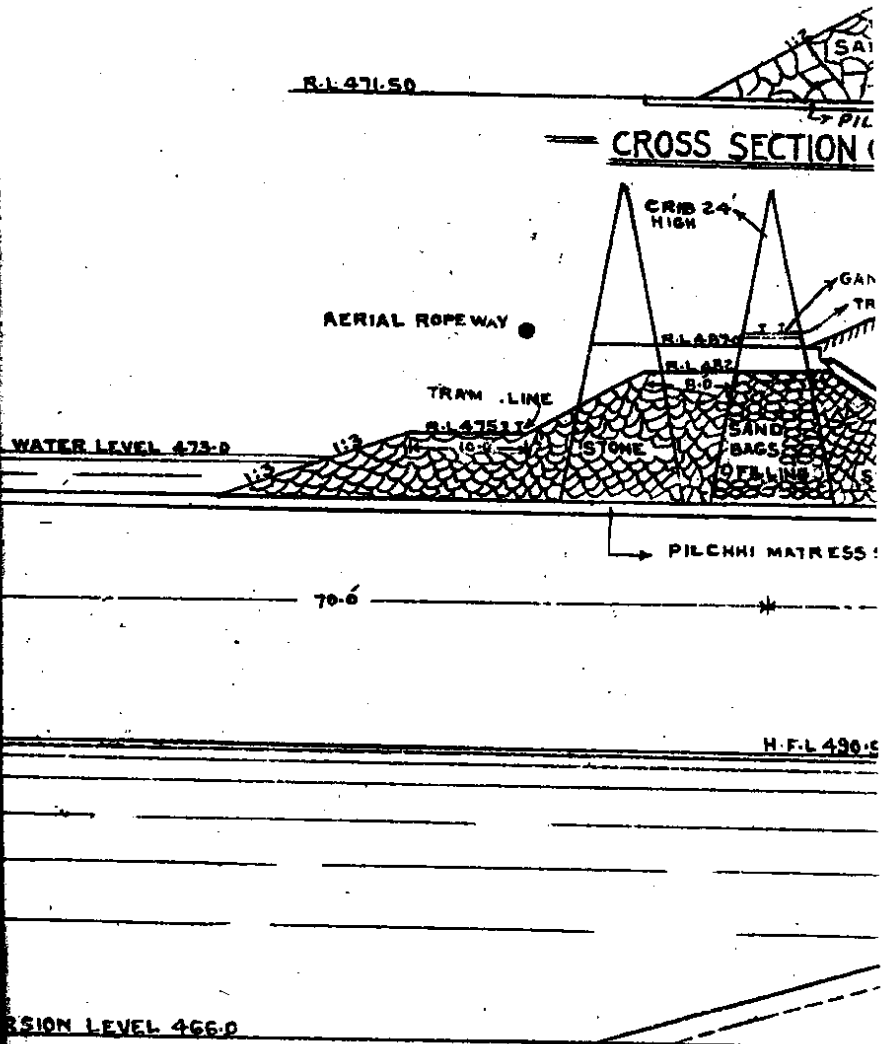


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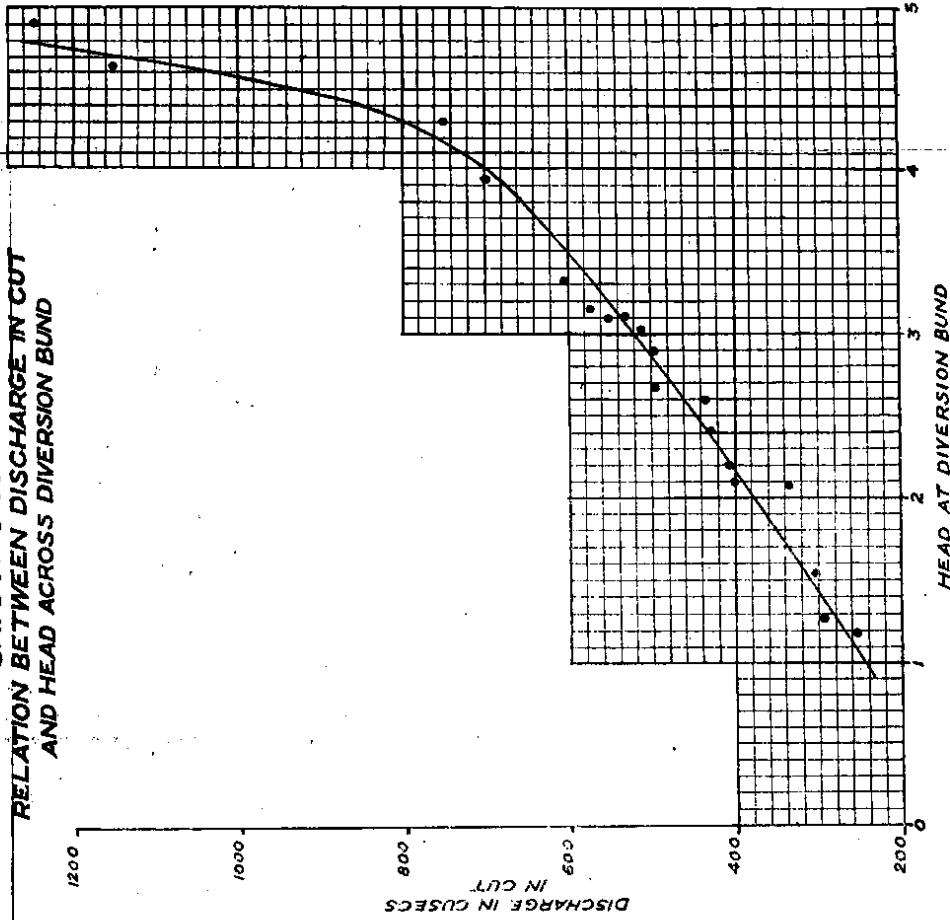
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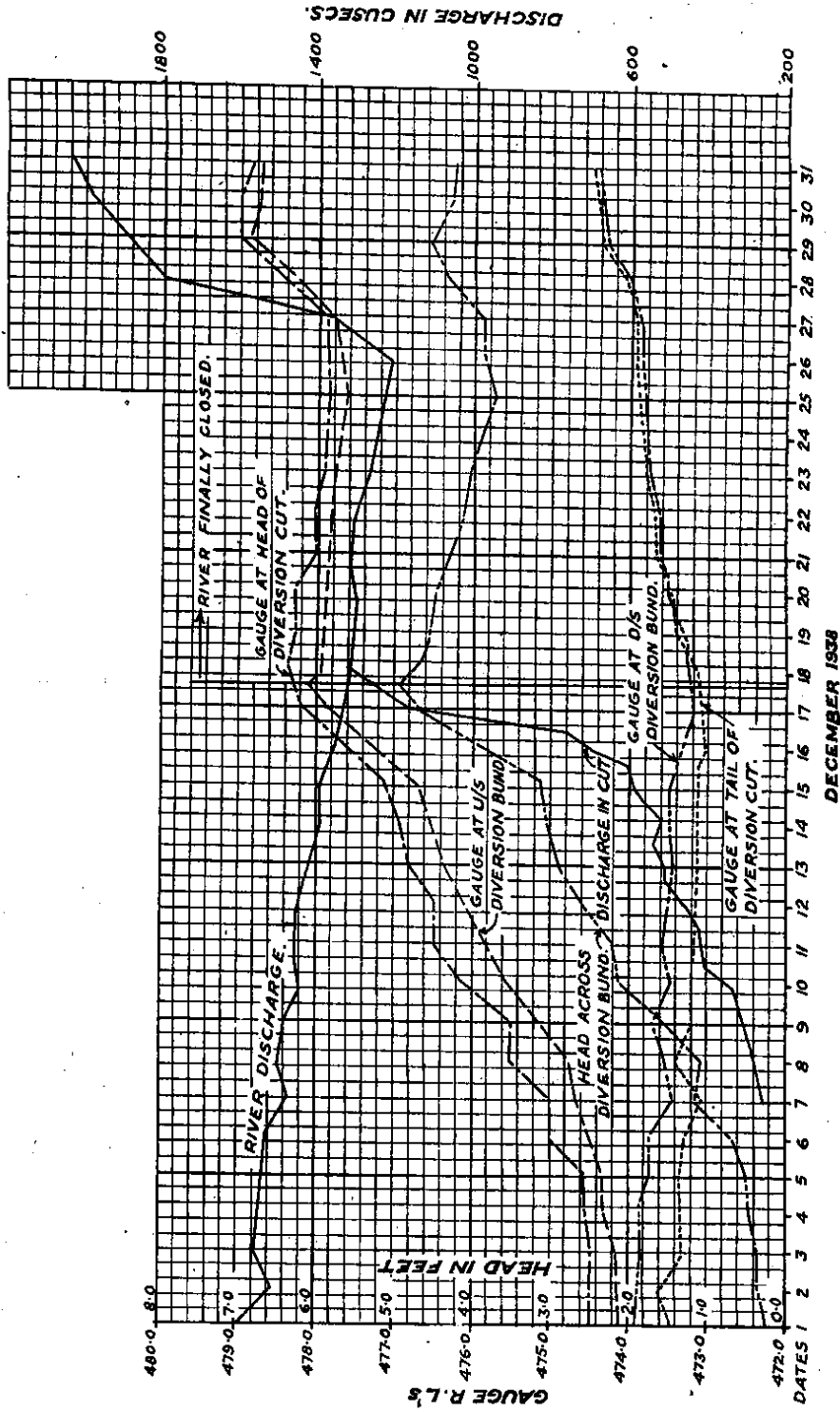
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GRAPH SHOWING
RELATION BETWEEN DISCHARGE IN CUT
AND HEAD ACROSS DIVERSION BUND



GRAPH SHOWING
DAILY WATER LEVELS AT DIFFERENT SITES AND DISCHARGES



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LONG: SECTION OF HEAD

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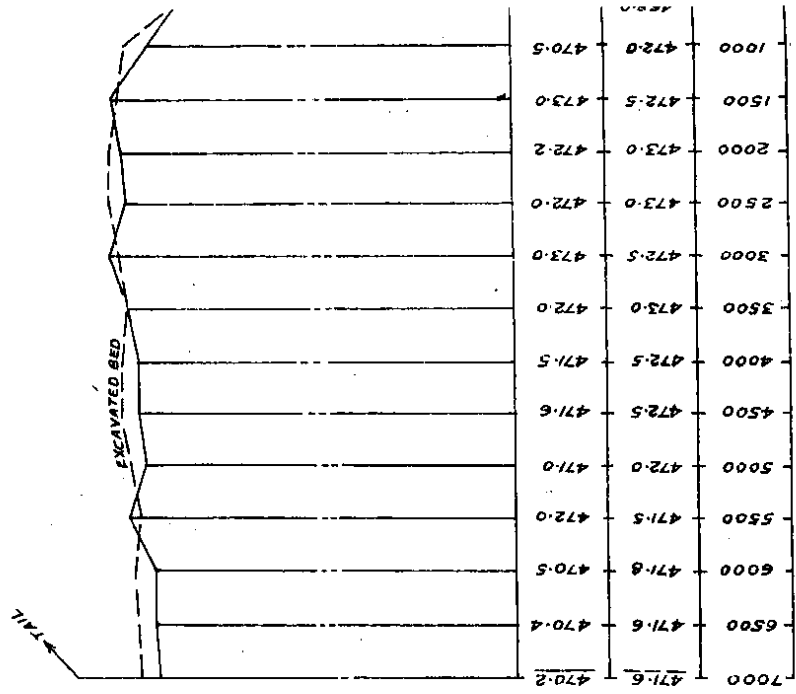
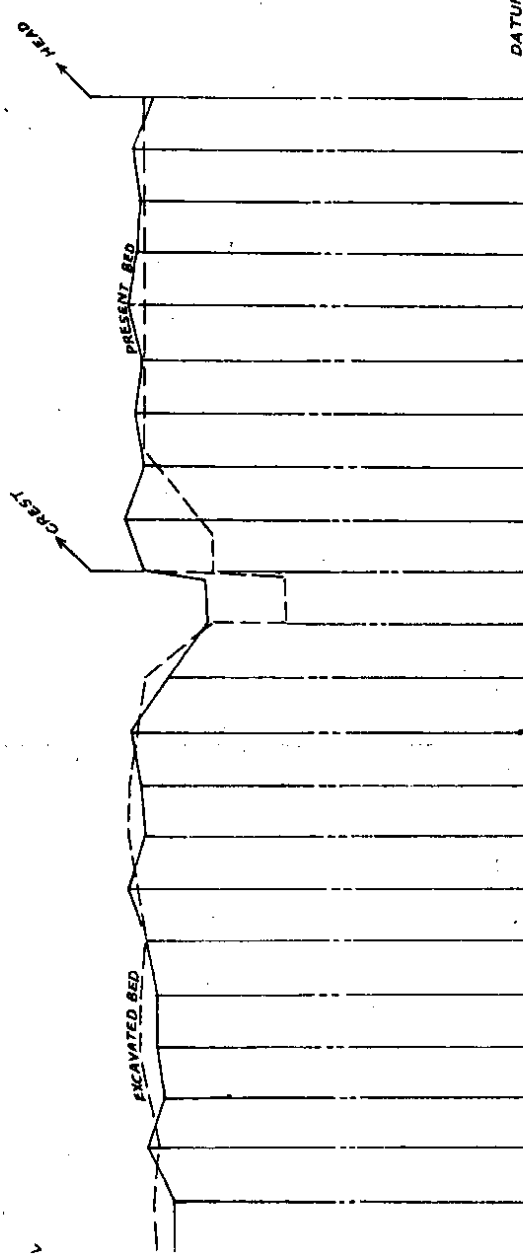


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LONG SECTION OF RIGHT DIVERSION CUT
HEAD TO TAIL

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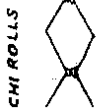


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472.5	472.0	3000
473.0	472.0	2500
472.1	472.0	2000
472.5	472.0	1500
472.0	472.0	1000
473.1	468.0	500
472.0	472.0	0
468.3	468.0	500
470.5	472.0	1000
473.0	472.5	1500
472.2	473.0	2000
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472.0	473.0	3500
471.5	472.5	4000
471.6	472.5	4500
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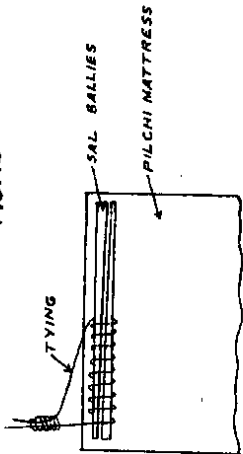


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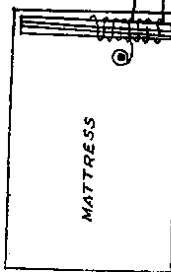


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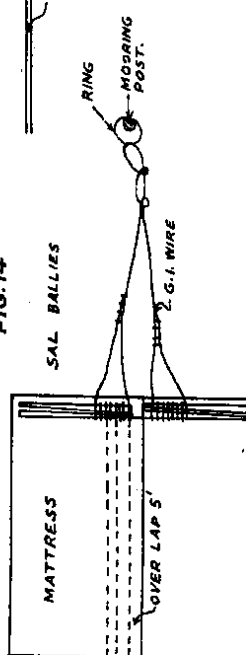


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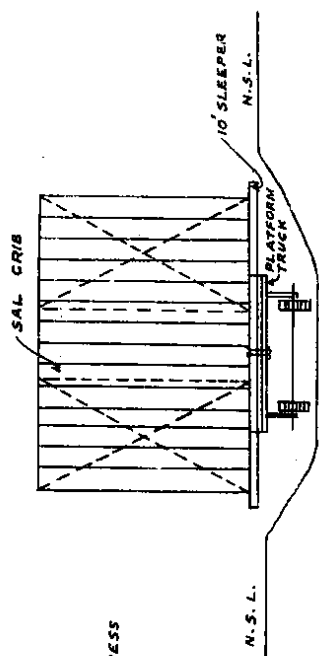


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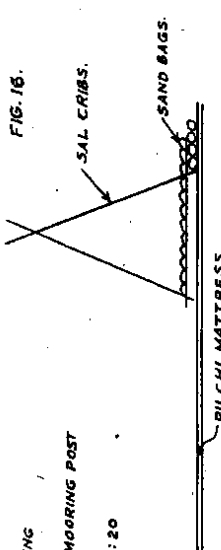
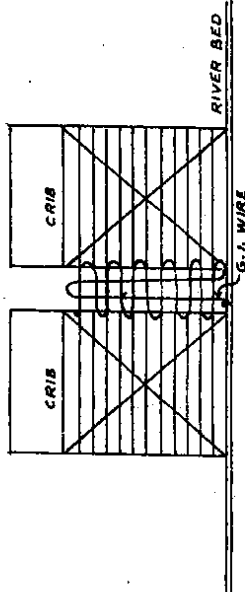


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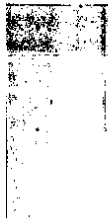


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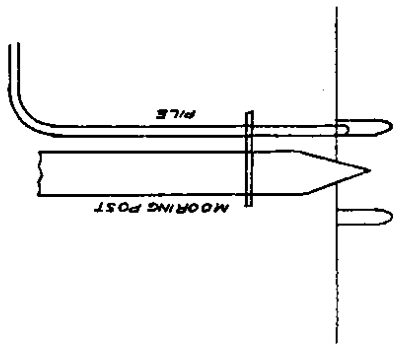


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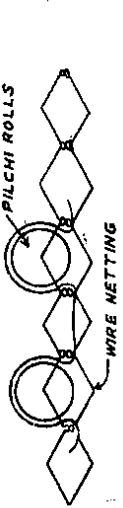


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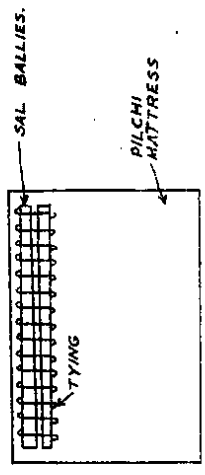


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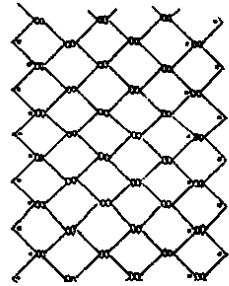


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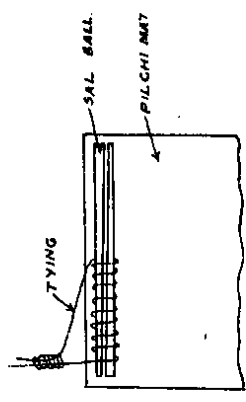


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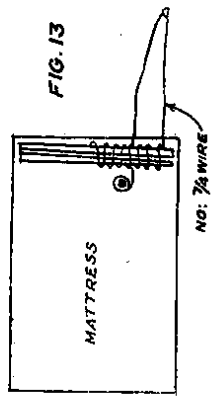


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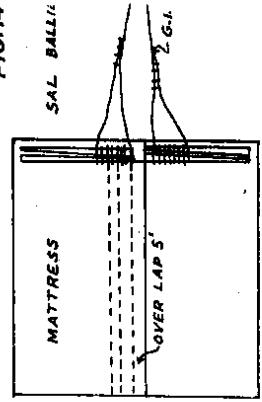




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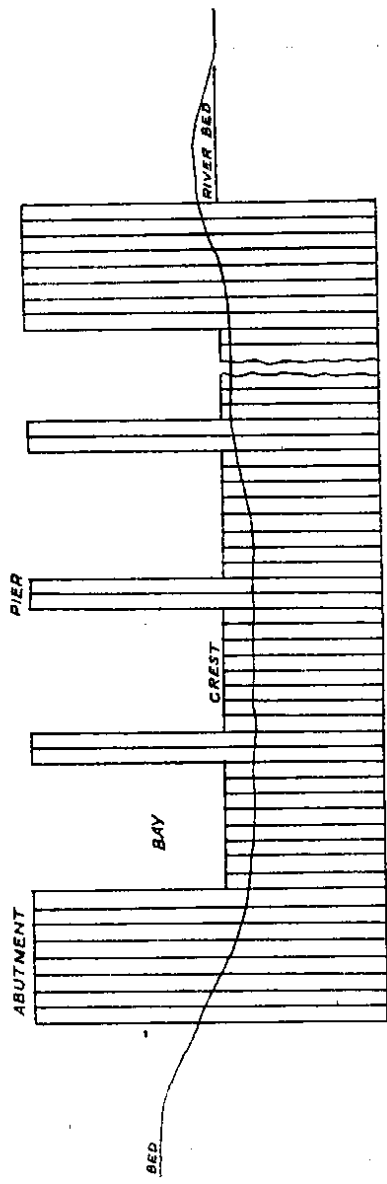


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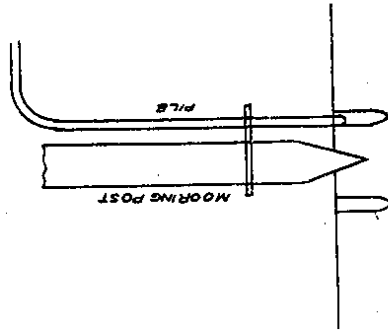


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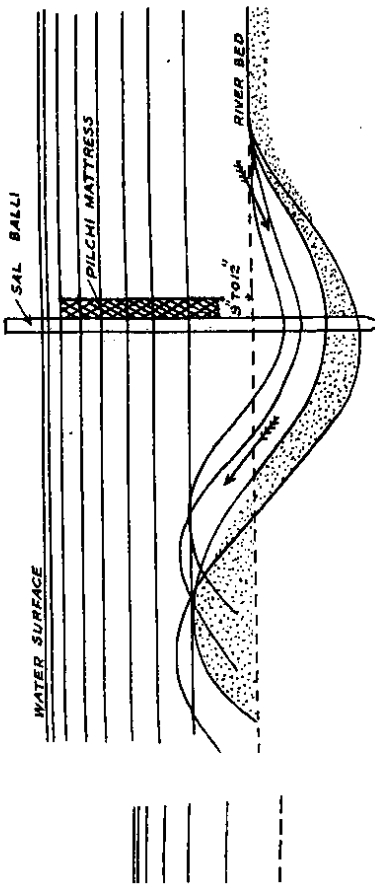


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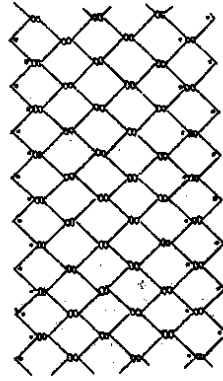


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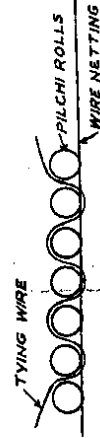


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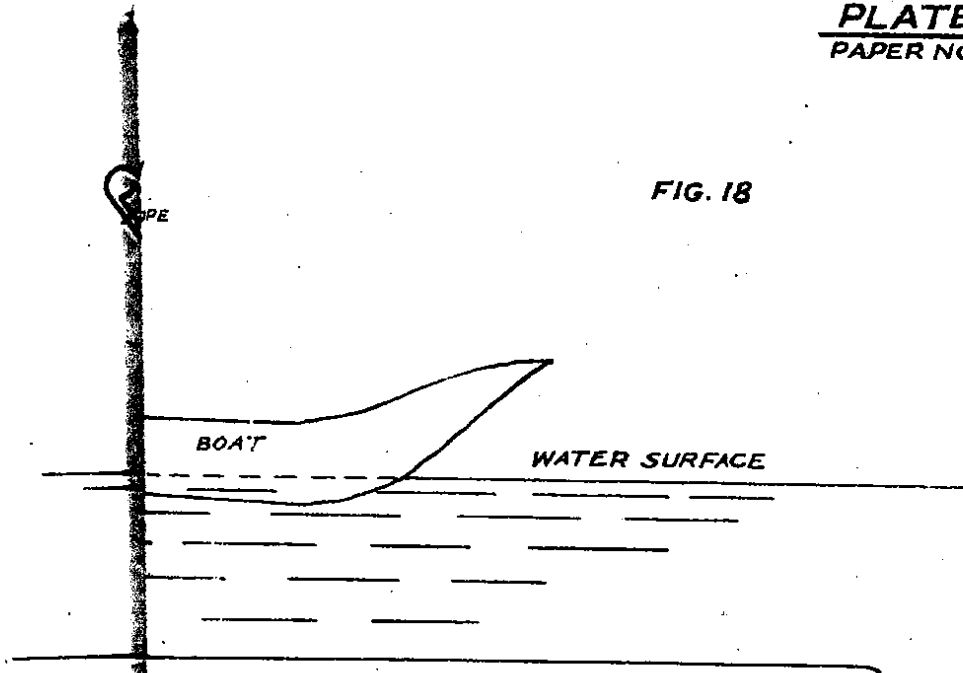
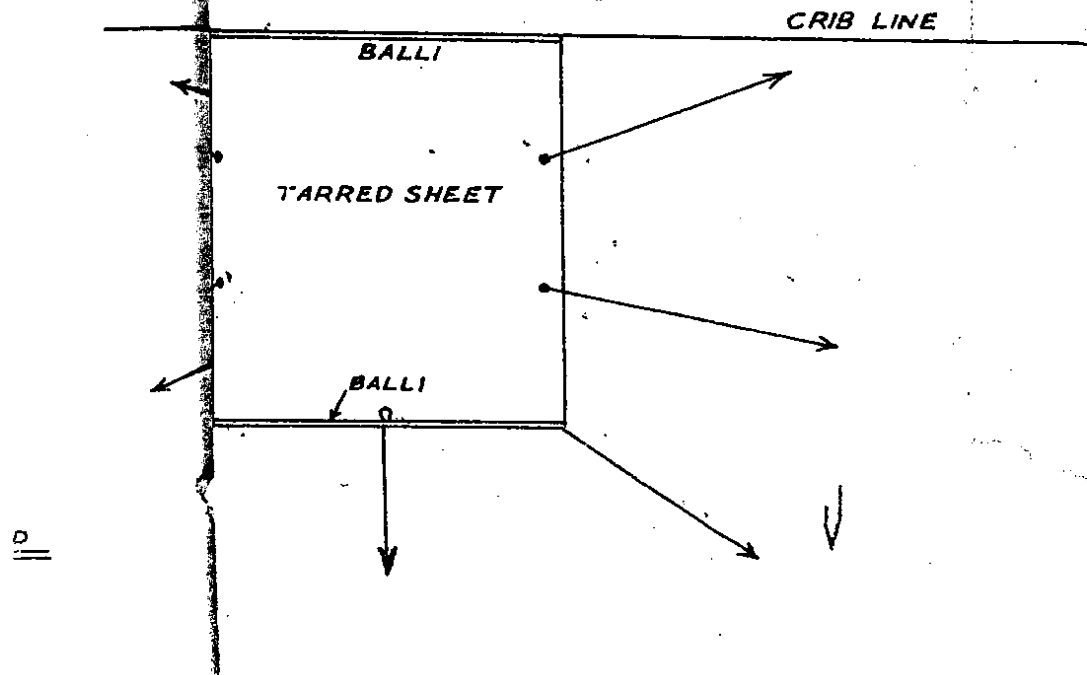


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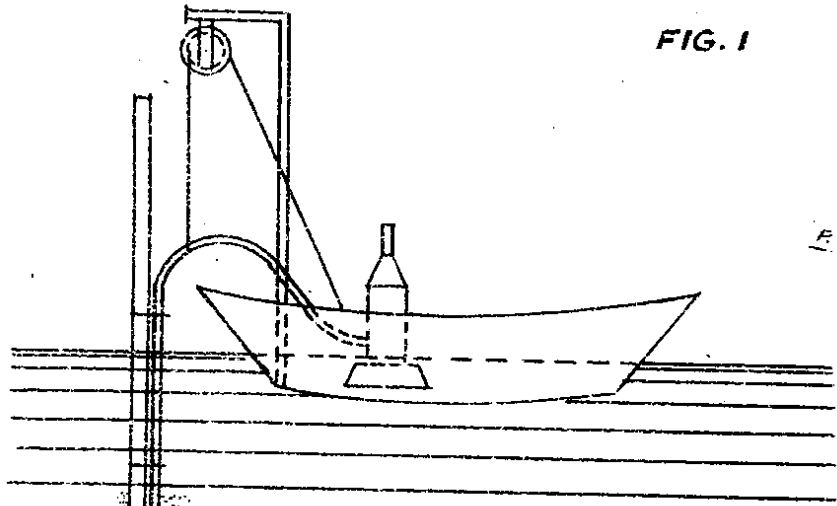


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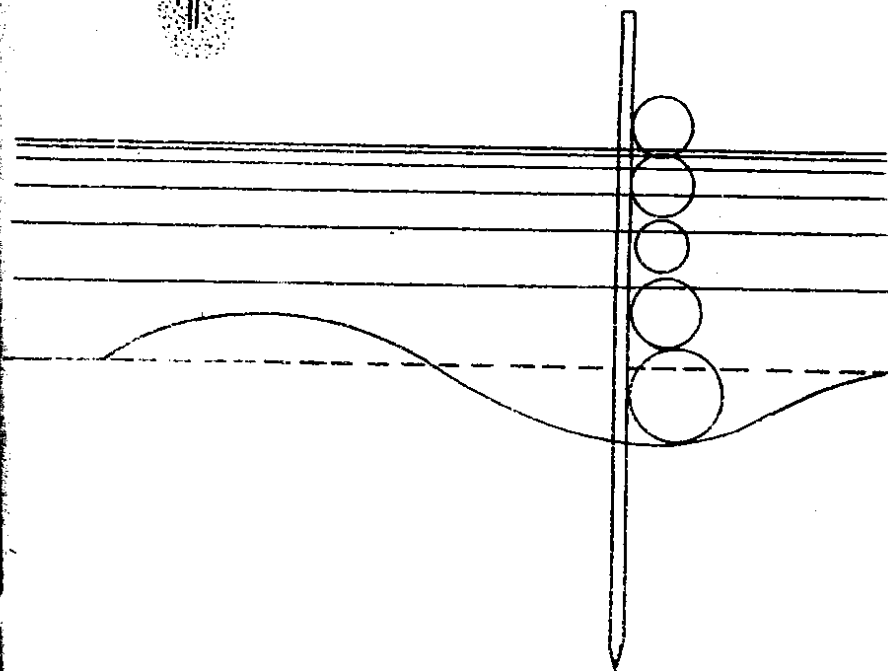


FIG. 2

DISCUSSION.

The Author in introducing the paper said that it had not been possible for him to go through the proof of the paper on account of its late submission and as such there were some mistakes in printing. They would be corrected in due course.

Mention had been made in the Paper of Appendix A giving costs, rates, analysis, quantities of materials collected and used and other useful information on the subject. This had not been published on account of late receipt. He would therefore give a few details of what it contained. The magnitude of the work would be apparent from the fact that 1,84,000 cft. of stone, 86,500 cft. sand bags, 16 tons G.I. Wire, 1900 ballies, 6 cwt. wire nails and staples, 26000 sft. tarpaulines, 500 gallons of coaltar, 90 lighting points, 4 miles N.G. track, 2,20,000 cft. pilchi were some of the major items. 8 crores of earthwork were needed in connection with the work relating to diversion and the bunds in the river area. Rates of cribs, mattresses, balli sinking were also analysed in this appendix.

He added that River conditions this year had been rather abnormal. After the diversion, the river kept on falling in January and went as low as 900 cusecs. A flood came in the 3rd week of February when the 4th cut which was excavated later was also opened. The entire right half of the barrage functioned in this flood and these cuts developed with the rise of water resulting in considerable scour of *belas*. Before this flood subsided another big rise had occurred which reached Trimmu on 1st March. The entire right half was passing the floods and had completely developed into a river.

On 3rd March the discharge rose to 1,80,000 cs. As the waterway was restricted on account of heavy *bela* downstream which had still to be scoured the water level rose considerably and was 1'8" above the maximum flood level ever recorded. The river seemed to be rising still further. The abnormal rise was causing panic to the villages upstream and in order to relieve unnecessary ponding up the left half of weir was also opened to the river. The bunds and protective embankments withstood the floods very well and have been completely tested as well as the works.

With the right half of the barrage completely developed into a river other floods were not expected to cause any worry. Apart from that sufficient time had been gained for the left half also to be developed before the monsoon and it was hoped that with the protective bunds completely tested the officers responsible for its running in the first year might not have that amount of anxiety which was usually their lot.

On page—a statement had been made that wider cut upstream and deeper cuts downstream were more efficient. This had been proved mathematically and was a matter of simple calculations and the conclusions were based on mathematical analysis.

In the end he said that a movie film of the work would be displayed showing the work in various stages. In passing judgment over the photographic achievement, he requested the members to keep in view the fact that both the movie and the paper had been prepared under great strain of rush of work and very little time and attention could be spared for these. The arranging and splicing had been started only three days back and though he felt he had not been able to do full justice yet it would provide enough picture description to give a general idea of how things had worked.

Mr. **F. F. Haigh** congratulated Mr. Kapur on the production of an excellent paper and said that the arrangements at the diversion site had worked well and the diversion had cost considerably less than previous comparable diversions. He doubted, however, if the floating spurs at the guide bank nose had been justified.

He also thought that the diversion cuts might have been better planned. Of course they had been working against time and had had to modify their design under changing circumstances. It should, however, be possible to assist the river development considerably by the use of multiple diversion cuts. A given discharge can only develop a single channel to a limited extent, but by diverting the discharge from one cut to another it was possible to multiply this development by the number of cuts. To this end the cuts should extend independently through the whole area to be developed and should be separated from each other by adequate cut offs through the stone and block protection of the weir. A cut off could be provided across the stone by sand grouting but this could be done in the case of the inverted filter where a pakka curtain wall was required and should be provided in the weir design at suitable intervals.

R. B. A. N. Khosla said that Mr. Kapur had written a very complete and thoughtful paper on a subject which suffered from dearth of literature. The closing of a big river was an undertaking which would tax to the utmost the capabilities and resourcefulness of most engineers. The time for such diversions was generally very limited. A delay of even a week might at times mean all the difference between success and failure. The programme of works on the weir, the diversion cuts and the actual river diversion had got to be worked out in minute detail, so that, it should advance strictly according to time-table along all fronts. It called for a high class of organization, and forethought, unusual drive and sustained hard work. The actual work of diversion meant long hours during day sleepless nights and a state of almost continuous brain fever. The exact significance of these remarks could only be correctly appreciated by those who had handled similar works. Mr. Kapur had discharged the responsibility placed on his shoulders with great credit. He had completed the work in time and at low cost.

Mr. Kapur had dealt with the work of river diversion at Trimmu in such a complete manner that it needed little elaboration. The speaker as Executive Engineer, had the responsibility of planning the sequence of events and seeing to the execution in due time. His experience of river diversion at Sulemanke had proved of the utmost value in directing operations at Trimmu.

He would like to add a note of warning to those who might be entrusted with works of a similar nature. The head across the diversion bund was the main controlling factor and was of particular importance when the diversion was done over a sandy river bed. Every effort should be made to keep this head as low as possible. This could be done by making the diversion and leading cuts of liberal dimensions. This course might be somewhat more expensive but it would be a good insurance against failure. The cut could be very expensive. It might cost 20,000 or 2 lacs or more. In an extreme case it might set back the programme by one whole year involving considerable expense and the risks of one additional flood season. The limitations of this recommendation should, however, be kept in mind. The volume of earth-work required in diversion cuts is generally stupendous and if too liberal dimensions were adopted it might not be possible to complete the work within the short working period available after the flood season till the date of actual diversion. In such a case, a middle course would be more appropriate. The size of the diversion cuts should be suitably reduced and the diversion designed for the corresponding increase in head.

In conclusion the speaker congratulated Mr. Kapur on his outstanding success in river diversion at Trimmu and thanked him for his most willing and efficient assistance.

Dr. N.K. Bose said that the Author had on page 265 referred to those experiments that had been carried out by the writer at Malikpur Experimental Station. He thought this was the first weir in the Punjab whose every part had been tested in models before construction and the River model experiment had been one of the series of experiments that were instituted by the Research Institute in this connection. Results of these experiments had been sent up to the Chief Engineer for publication. In this connection he would only refer to that part of the experiment that had got direct bearing to this paper. In the model, efforts were made to see what conditions would be obtained in the river during the period of construction of the weir and also how different cuts would develop. Gauges in the model were observed at various places in the river. During the summer of 1938 while the weir was under construction and ring bunds were put round the weir, gauges had been regularly observed in the river at Trimmu. The following table gauges observed at Trimmu and those observed in the model at the same point were given. It would be seen how close was the agreement. He was glad that Mr. Kapur had found that the information supplied by these experiments was useful to him during construction period.

Comparison of Trimmu Gauges for the floods of 1938 and the corresponding discharge in the Model for the prediversion runs.

Date	Discharge		Trimmu Gauges.	
			Prototype	Model
18-5-38	150,665	Cu/sc	488.7 R.L.	488.0 R.L.
13-6-38	187,809	"	488.4 R.L.	488.3 R.L.
17-6-38	105,917	"	487.4 R.L.	487.5 R.L.
28-6-38	133,433	"	487.19 R.L.	487.0 R.L.
8-7-38	85,588	"	486.2 R.L.	485.6 R.L.
26-7-38	300,000	"	489.5 R.L.	489.7 R.L.

Mr. **R. K. Khanna** said that from the common place name of the subject matter of the paper, he had hardly any inclination to read it, but a study of the paper had been specially recommended to him the previous day. He must say that he would have missed a very pleasant and instructive reading if the paper had not been specially recommended to him. It did not boast of any new theories nor did it contain high sounding, unintelligible scientific discussions and misleading inferences; but in an unpretentious manner, the author had given a lucid account of one of the most difficult operations of headworks construction, which he had rightly called the crowning act of all their labours.

On large inundation canals they were sometimes called upon to close large creeks of rivers or breeches in the canal banks, and they witnessed such display of skill, ingenuity, and resourcefulness as had been brought to bear on the task of diverting the river at Trimmu. But here the stakes were very great, and any serious miscarriage of operations would have cast a shadow over the dazzling achievements of Trimmu Engineers. For this reason the bold resolve to close the creeks and divert the river by means of unconventional methods was all the more praiseworthy.

It was said that necessity was the mother of invention. In this case the non-availability of sheet piles in India was responsible for their adopting the course actually followed otherwise they would have had the ordinary tame affair of sheet piles driven by means of pile drivers and other necessary operations performed in their regular sequence.

They would have missed the striking comparison between the two sets of photographic representations of the methods adopted at Sulemank and Trimmu, and Mr. Kapur would have been deprived of the great satisfaction which he must be feeling at the successful performance of a most difficult job.

While having nothing but praise for the ingenuity, forethought and clock work regularity with which they had performed their difficult task, he had not been able to understand the difficulties of Mr. Kapur in determining the size of leading cuts. After indulging in so many mathematical calculations and calling to his aid Kennedy and others, he had in the end decided on arbitrary sizes of cuts which proved quite satisfactory. Furthermore his scientific arguments about the necessity of leading cuts being wide at the upper end and deep and narrow at the lower ends, so that these may develop without undue strain being put on the diversion bund and other bunds are not quite intelligible. Of course the cuts should have been sufficiently wide and as deep as could be conveniently made at the upper ends, but neither the slopes of cuts nor the levels at lower ends were of any real significance. As water was being gradually diverted into the leading cuts, retrogression of levels from the lower ends would have steepened their slopes, and the arrival of the first freshet would have developed them. If a really heavy freshet had unfortunately come before the cuts had been well developed, then in spite of the scientific design of the leading cuts, the bunds would have been put to excessive strain.

Mr. K. R. Erry said that river diversion was a subject out of the ordinary experience of Irrigation Engineers in general and there was very little published literature on the subject. Mr. Kapur deserved congratulations for writing a valuable paper, on this interesting but difficult subject in a most exhaustive and masterful way.

But on going through the paper, it appeared to the Speaker that some variations in the details of actual construction would have reduced the cost and added to further safety of the work.

He hoped the learned author would be able to elucidate the following points:—

1. *Use of Trangers in place of Cribs.* 1. Why trangers were not used instead of cribs. Besides being more economical trangers would have withstood heavy actions better without permitting stone to be carried away by concentrated flow.
2. *Precautions against freshets* 2. The diversion bund design was considered safe for 2000-3000 cusecs. Would it have withstood the action of a large freshet? If not what precautions were taken to safeguard against it?

3. *Small stone bunds preferred to permeable spurs.* 3. After the river was opened into the right pocket, could not be choking be done by small stone bunds instead of permeable spurs. It had been admitted by the author that the spurs were found not very efficient.

4. *Donkey labour could be used instead of trucks.* 4. N.G. Track and trucks were used for stone and earthwork. In his opinion it would have been more economical and equally efficient to employ donkey labour.

5. *Earthwork bunds could be used instead of stone flanks.* 5. Stone flanks were used on pervious mattresses. They were not so efficient, as they permitted leakages. Earthen bunds would have been perhaps more useful, and less expensive.

6. He asked the author to state the actual time taken for each diversion operation. This information would be very useful in calculating time factor in similar operations in future.

7. As stated by the author this work was mostly carried out with departmental labour and not through contractors. The author should explain why it was not possible to do the work on contract, as admittedly this would have been more economical.

The **Author** in replying to the discussions said that the trend of the discussion had been very satisfactory in so far as it had been established that the general scheme of river diversion could not have been materially altered. Mr. Khanna had however found it difficult to grasp the necessity of wider cuts on the upstream and deeper cuts on the downstream. It had been already stated that this was based on mathematical calculation and the proof was simple. A reference was invited to statement on page 265. If bed of the downstream cut could be dug to a further depth of two feet, with a tail water level of 473·0, then working from Kennedy's diagrams to pass 2000 cs., waterlevels required would be 474·75 and 475·32 against 477·0 and 477·65 on the figure of page 265, pointing out to a reduction of 2·3 ft. of head against the diversion bund. On the other hand if extra amount spent on deepening D S cut by 2 ft. had been utilized in widening, the cut would have been 175 ft. wide and this would have given with tail water level of 473·0, levels of 476·0 and 477·0 at the corresponding two points. This conclusively proved that for the same amount a deeper cut reduced the head more than a wider cut. Similarly

calculations could be made for the upstream side and the test of two alternative sections a wider but shallower and deeper but narrower one would prove that on the upstream side a wider cut gives lesser loss of head.

The speaker admitted that the above question had been investigated at a later stage and so could not be made use of effectively, hence the arbitrary size of cuts as pointed out by Mr. Khanna had been adopted but he advised that this principle should not be lost sight of in future.

Mr. Khanna's view about the retrogression of levels would not hold because the possibility of retrogression later denoted undue head on diversion bund which was necessarily to be kept as low as possible. Further the time factor between freshet possibilities and completion of retrogression completely ruled out any reliance on retrogression. He drew Mr. Khanna's attention to the failure of the Diversion Bund at Islam where diversion cuts were required to develop by retrogression.

Mr. Khanna's reference to methods of closing inundation canals in spite of his admission that they could not be made use of at Trimmu in view of stakes involved needed clarification. The difference was that the closing of inundation canals was diversion from a shallower to a deeper channel whereas in river diversion conditions were the reverse. For these reasons the method in use on inundation canals was considered inadequate to meet with the situation on the head work.

For purposes of development Mr. Haigh had suggested working of independent cuts. These cuts for efficient functioning would have to be maintained separately from their off take to exit and would thus involve embankments on both sides and where they crossed creeks to prevent their waters meeting and heavy cross bunds in the weir section. Further it would not permit bends because embankments would be ineffective and it was doubtful whether the additional expense would be justified in view of the advantages. The development would certainly be quicker and as much the necessity would be greater higher up in the hills rather than lower down.

Situated in a place like Trimmu in the beginning, only one cut would be needed for initial diversion supplemented by about two more to give relief in case of freshets or rising of floods. Worked in low floods these would give a smaller river. In addition there would be needed a few wider and shallower cuts with good fall in the bed at Weir line so as to develop by degradation. Experience of 1st flood season at Trimmu had shown that cuts should be spaced not more than 600 ft. centres and but for the fact that an additional cut between left and central one would have developed the river much better the remaining cuts at Trimmu were all well planned.

Mr. Erry had suggested the use of trangers in place of cribs: stone

in trangers were ruled out because firstly they would be too heavy to manipulate and secondly it would have necessitated proceeding from one end against the requirements of raising over the whole front uniformly. Besides cribs permitted better control over blockage on account of their regular shape.

Regarding Mr. Erry's remarks about protection against freshets, the author stated that the statement of maximum discharges showed that 8000cs. had not been exceeded in December. With 2 ft. depth of water over the bund a discharge of $600 \times 3 \times 2^{\frac{3}{2}} = 5000$ could be passed and the rising flood would certainly have developed the cut to take the rest. In the case of freshet however at least 4 days warning would be available and the bund would have been strengthened by dumping extra stone lower down so as to cover the whole of mattress and even beyond which would ensure scour removed pretty far down to endanger the main bund. Further cribs would be cleared out of obstruction which would have given lesser afflux.

Mr. Erry had suggested use of small stone bunds in place of permeable spurs at the nose of Right guide bank. Stone bunds would not only have been very expensive but also would have been useless without mattresses. Again permeable spurs permitted work in advance whereas stone bunds would have divided up labour most needed for the Diversion Bund.

Mr. Erry's suggestion to omit mattresses under flanks was very useful. The object anticipated was that in case of a freshet and water overflowing these would prevent scour but unless they were fully covered with earth they permitted leakage and the one under right flank had actually given lot of trouble on this score.

Mr. Erry had further questioned the ability of N. G. trucks. These were used only for stone work and not earth work and that because donkeys would not tread on stone. Being a heavy traffic on light track N.G. trucks from point of view of progress and efficiency could compete in low leads. It had however the advantage of maintaining manual labour and supplementing work and the best organization was such that would keep all types of labour employed and thus handy.

As to why the work was done departmentally it was interesting and instructive to record the reasons. The Author's experience of the construction at Trimmu in various phases had conclusively proved that all rush jobs should be done departmentally. A contractor interested to save money would distribute labour to bare needs and could afford no reserves or insufficiently occupied labour; whereas in rush jobs what mattered most was the completion of each item at its proper time and hence maintaining of a reserve who might at times be not fully occupied. Further in works of unusual nature rates had to be evolved for various jobs necessitating maintaining accounts for contractor's labour and to avoid arguments and disputes later, it was best to do it departmentally. In execution

of big jobs labour psychology was an important factor. It was like mass movement which would take time to gain momentum but once this was gained any change in tactics would result in disorganization and delay, although the method be changed for the better because labour would have to be re-organized and got in going again. Hence it paid not to change methods of execution or start reorganization even if it be a lengthy process which a contractor's ever present desire to save money must lead him to, resulting in delays and annoyances. Departmental execution of work saved from all these worries for which there was seldom time.

In the end the author wished to thank the members for the appreciation given to the movie film of the work.

He thanked Mr. Khosla for his remarks and appreciation. Regarding his remarks on the size of cuts, in the opinion of the author the final course had to be decided on the lines of wider upstream cuts and deeper downstream cuts consistently of course with the quantity of earthwork that could be executed in the scheduled time.

RIVER DIVERSION AT TRIMMU.

APPENDIX A.

Materials.	Collected.	Brought in use.	
1. Stone.	2,14525 cft.	1,84,525 cft.	
2. Sand bags (empty cement bags)	89,000 No.	86,500 cft.	
3. G. I. Wire No. 10 and 12	240 cwt.	208 cwt.	
4. G.I. Wire No. 20.	30 "	23-223 "	
5. G. I. Wire No. 8 and 10 for crates	90 "	86 "	
6. Sal Ballies.	2550 No.	1410 No.	III.
7. Sal tors.	520 No.	520 No.	
8. Mooring Posts	29 No.	23 No.	
9. Empty barrels.	150 No.	21 No.	
10. Wire nails.	650 lb.	617 lb.	
11. Staples	120 lb.	117 lb.	
12. M.S. bars 3/8"	3½ cwt.	3-0-7 cwt.	
13. Iron rings 15" diameter.	58 No.	26 No.	IV.
14. Manilla ropes.	1 Maund	1 Maund	
15. Stay Wire 7/14"	17 cwt.	13 cwt.	
16. Brick Ballast.	13755 cft.	5832 cft.	
17. B.G. Sleepers old.	10 No.	10 No.	
18. Crab winch.	1 No.	for aerial ropeway	
19. Pulley to anchor boats from aerial ropeway	16 No.	16 No.	
20. Flexible wire rope.	1400 lft.	1400 lft.	
21. No. of tarpaulines and (area 3 small and 8 big).	25726 sft.	25726 sft.	
22. Coal tar.	468 gal.	488 gal.	
23. Mexphalt in place of coaltar.	2-1 cwt.	2-1 cwt.	
24. No. of electric points 100 watts.	70 Points.	70 Points.	to ar
25. Flood lights.	4 No.	4 No.	lf co
26. No. of petromax lamps.	Street handing 9	9	at 11
	Hand patromax 6	6	labou
		15	1
27. N. G. Track.	4 miles.	4 Miles.	" Sto
28. N. G. Trucks.	220 No.	180 No.	
29. Boat Bridge:—			
Comprised of	16 No. boats with all equipment		
30. Pilchhi mattresses.			
60 × 30	13	10	
80 × 30	5	5	
100 × 30	8	8	
31. Cribs.	60	54	
32. Gunny bags for tarpaulines.	1800 No.	1800 No.	
33. Pumping:—Bernard pumps 4" and 6"	2	2	
Steam portable driven centrifugal 12/14" 3		3	
Electric Pump. 8"	1	1	
34. Wire crates, 6 × 6 × 2	201	11	
35. Quantity of pilchhi . .	220951	220000	
II. Labour.			
No. of carpenters working daily.		21 No.	
No. of blacksmiths working daily.		9 No.	
No. of divers working daily.		46 No.	
No. of railway gangmen working daily.		40 No.	the

River Diversion at Trimmu.

Coolies :—

Departmental working daily.	900 No
Of Contractors.	800 No

<i>Country Boats working Daily</i> :—	
Diversion Bund.	33 No.
Permeable spurs.	6 No.
Miscellaneous.	4 No.
Boatmen.	85 No.
Donkeys Diversion Bund.	800 No.
Marginal Bund.	250 No.
Cuts and others.	1000 No.

III. Earthwork :—

Earthwork for closing river in.	9,18,000
Diversion cuts.	5,30,00,000
Earthwork in river portion of canal and marginal bund	2,63,36,000
Miscellaneous earth work for diversion operations.	1,99,000

8,04,53,000 cft.

IV. Rates and Costs :—

1. Rate of permeable spurs including pilchi, sal ballies, G. I. Wire etc.	1-12 Rft.
2. Rate of driving ballies.	0-7-0 each as per detailed analysis attached.
3. <i>Extracting sal ballies.</i>	
By Pulley blocks.	0-4-0 each.
By gantry boats.	0-3-0 each.
Estimate cost of permeable spurs	Rs. 15801
Estimated cost of diversion bund	Rs. 59906

Note.—Cost of stone was not provided as it had already been charged to another diversion work and only removal and carriage was provided. If cost had been provided it would have meant an additional cost on stone at 11/-% ft. No provision was made for outturn as it was uncertain but about 90,000 cft. of stone and 13000 bags were recovered.

Rate of empty cement bags was nil as they had already been issued to "Stock cement".

Cost of mechanical driving per sal balli.

Labour.	Rs.	A.	P.
10 No. gangmen machinery at 0-10-0 per day.	6	4	0
1 No. Erector Jamadar at 1- 8-0 per day.	1	8	0
1 No. Driver. at 1- 8-0 per day.	1	8	0
1 No. Fireman. at 1- 0-0 per day.	1	0	0
	10	4	0
<i>Stock.</i>			
4 cwt. steam coal @ 21 ton at site.	4	3	0
2 lb. cotton waste @ 3 annas per lb.	0	6	0
Lubricating oil, L.S.	0	8	0
3 No. boats with one boatman @ 2/-	6	0	0
Issue of ropes etc. L.S.	0	8	0
	21	13	0
At an average 50 ballies are driven per day,			
therefore cost per balli.	0	7	0

31 No.
9 N6
16 No.
10 No.

STATEMENT SHOWING COST OF EACH MATTRESS AND EACH CRIB.

No.	Materials.	Rate	Unit	60' x 30'		80' x 30'		100' x 30'	
				Quantity	Amount	Quantity	Amount	Quantity	Amount
	<i>Mattress.</i>								
1	G.I. Wire No. 10 and 12	20/-	cwt.	4.5 cwt.	90.0	6 cwt.	120.0	7.5 cwt.	150.0
2	G.I. Wire No. 20 for binding pilchhi rolls.	20/-	cwt.	90 lbs.	14.0	120 lb.	18.0	150 lbs.	23.0
3	Pilchhi	15/8/-	%cft.	1350 cft.	205.9	1800 cft.	276.12	2020 cft.	345.15
4	Making pilchhi rolls	15/-	each	84 No.	28.13	116 No.	38.14	140 No.	48.2
5	Stay wire.	11/8/-	cwt.	65 lbs.	9.12	65 lb.	9.12	65 lbs.	9.12
6	Mooring posts.	11/8/-	each	1 No.	11.8	1 No.	11.8	1 No.	11.8
7	Sinking mooring posts.	1/4/-	1 ft.	12 ft.	3.0	12 ft.	3.0	12 ft.	3.0
8	Iron rings 1 1/2" dia.	1/-	each	1 No.	1.0	1 No.	1.0	1 No.	1.0
9	Sal Ballies, tied with mattress for anchoring to mooring posts.	1/8/-	each	2 No.	3.0	2 No.	3.0	2 No.	3.0
10	Sal ballies to fix in river bed for sinking mattress	1/8/-	"	4 No.	6.0	4 No.	6.0	4 No.	6.0
11	Rolling mattress and carriage to river edge and floating.	12/-	%cft.	1800 cft.	13.8	2400 cft. @ 0.15-0	22.8	3000 cft. @ 1.2-0	33.12-0
12	Sand bags for sinking mattress including labour etc.	5/-	each	100 No.	31.4	125 No.	37.8	150 No.	43.12-0
13	Labour for weaving wire	2/4/-	%sft.	1800 sft.	40.8	2400 sft.	64.0	3000 sft.	87.8-0
14	Labour for making mattress	2/8/-	%sft.	1800 sft.	45.0	2400 sft.	60.0	3000 sft.	75.0-0
15	Mamilla Ropes	5/-	lb.	2.25 lb.	0.12	2.25 lb.	0.12	2.25 lb.	0.12-0
	Total				503.10-0		663.10-0		822.1-0
	<i>For making cribs:-</i>								
1	Sal ballies	1/8/-	each	15 No.	22.8				
2	Sal stays	10/-	lb.	22 No.	13.12				
3	Mamilla ropes.	5/-	lb.	1 lb.	0.5				
4	G.I. Wire for fixing all round 8' apart.	20/-	cwt.	4 cwt.	10.0				
5	Staples.	6/-	lb.	2 lb.	0.12				
6	Wire nails.	3/-	lb.	10 lb.	1.14				
7	M.S. Beards	1/16	lb.	7 lb.	0.11				
8	Carpenters, blacksmiths including making gunny way.				16.0				
9	Carriage and placing in position in river bed.				6.0				
	Total				71.0-0				