

PASSENGER AMENITIES

*545. **Th. Jugal Kishore Sinha:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the criterion on which sanction is given for construction of passengers' sheds and waiting rooms in Railway Stations; and

(b) what improvements are proposed to be effected at Sitamarhi Railway Station and what will be their cost?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) The general criterion is the density of passenger traffic and train services at the station, priority being given to stations where no waiting shelter of any kind exists for passengers at present.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 8.]

P. & T. DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS IN RAJASTHAN

*546. **Shri Balwant Sinha Mehta:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the location of District Headquarters for Post and Telegraph in Rajasthan;

(b) whether it is a fact that a representation was made to the Deputy Minister by the public of Udaipur for locating the Headquarters at Udaipur; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken in this direction?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) A statement showing the location of the headquarters of Postal and Engineering Divisions in Rajasthan Circle is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 9.]

(b) No representation as such was made. Only a verbal reference was

made by certain individuals who came to see me.

(c) Does not arise.

RAILWAY HOSPITAL AT BANARAS

*548. **Shri Ganpati Ram:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the total cost incurred on the construction of the Railway Hospital at Banaras;

(b) the number of beds available there; and

(c) the facilities, if any, available there to out-door patients who are not Railway employees?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) Rs. 2 lakhs approximately.

(b) Twenty-two.

(c) Ordinarily only facilities for X-ray examination are being made available to out-door patients who are not railway employees on payment of the normal charges.

NEW RAILWAY LINES ON THE NORTHERN RAILWAY

*551. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether Government propose to take up the construction of any new railway lines on the Northern Railway during the remaining two years of the Five Year Plan and, if so, at what places?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): Yes, Sir; a line between Pathankot and Madhopur.

KHANDWA-HINGOLI RAILWAY LINE

*556. **Shri Krishnacharya Joshi:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the progress made so far in the construction of the railway line between Khandwa and Hingoli?