

Waiting Rooms at Pathankot Railway Station

250. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of waiting rooms constructed at Pathankot Railway Station on the Northern Railway during the past five years; and

(b) if none has been constructed, the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) Two additional waiting rooms have been provided during the last five years.

(b) Does not arise.

Sugar Manufacture at Batala

251. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in supplying plant for manufacturing sugar to the Batala and Morinda Co-operative Sugar Mills; and

(b) whether the said mills have started functioning?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) and (b). Batala and Morinda Co-operative Sugar Mills placed orders for machinery in 1960. Supply of the same is in progress and both the factories are expected to go into production during the season 1962-63.

Passenger Amenities on Amritsar-Pathankot Line

252. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether any suggestions have been received regarding provision of goods sheds, drinking water facilities, parcel godowns, enlargement of third class waiting halls and covering sheds on the passenger platforms on the Amritsar-Pathankot line of Northern Railway during 1959, 1960 and 1961 departmentally;

(b) if so, which of them have been accepted; and

(c) the action taken thereon?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):

(a) Yes, Sir. The following suggestions were received during 1959, 1960 and 1961:

1. Extension to covered goods shed at Batala.

2. Shelter over passenger platform at Batala.

3. Covered goods shed at Verka.

4. Extension of goods siding at Batala.

5. Shifting of a small covered shed for passenger platform to goods platform at Sarna.

(b) All the above items have been accepted.

(c) (i) The work of extending the covered goods shed with open sides at Batala has been completed.

(ii) The work of providing shelter over passenger platform at Batala is being taken in hand.

(iii) An estimate to shift the small covered shed from passenger platform to goods platform at Sarna has been sanctioned and the work is expected to be taken up shortly.

(iv) Regarding covered goods shed at Verka and extension of goods siding at Batala they will be taken up in the following years subject to availability of funds.

Road Accidents in Delhi

253. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the number of road accidents in Delhi in which Delhi Transport Undertaking buses were involved during 1961;

(b) the figures as compared to the year 1960; and