

**Cover over Railway Platforms on
Itarsi-Jabalpur Section**

481. Shri Nitiraj Singh Chaudhary: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 755 on the 7th April, 1967 and state:

(a) the names of stations on Itarsi-Jabalpur Section on which covers over platform are being provided;

(b) the length of platform to be covered on each station on both up and down platforms; and

(c) whether Government propose to provide covers over the train length of the platforms of Narsinghpur Station?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poonacha): (a) Cover over platform is being provided at the following stations:

- (i) Gadarwara
- (ii) Narsinghpur
- (iii) Kareli
- (iv) Gotegaon.

(b) The length of platform to be covered at the four stations indicated in (a) above is as follows:

- (i) At Gadarwara for a length of 150 ft. on up platform.
- (ii) At Narsinghpur for a length of 110 ft. on up platform.
- (iii) At Kareli for a length of 75 ft. on both up and down platforms.
- (iv) At Gotegaon for a length of 80 ft. on both up and down platforms.

(c) No. The existing and the proposed covers at Narsinghpur station are adequate for the scale of traffic dealt with.

**Bogies attached to Passenger Trains
between Jabalpur and Itarsi**

482. Shri Nitiraj Singh Chaudhary: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of passenger bogies provided on each train between Jabalpur and Itarsi (C. Rly.);

(b) whether it is a fact that the number of bogies is not insufficient and there is over-crowding leading to suffocation; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to increase the number of passenger bogies to 10 on each Passenger and 14 on Express and Mail Trains?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poonacha): (a) On Jabalpur-Itarsi section, 7 Dn/8 Up Bombay-Howrah Mails via Allahabad, 27 Dn/28 Up Bombay-Varanasi Expresses and 41 Dn/42 Up biweekly Janata Expresses run with a load of 12 bogies each while 33 Dn/34 Up Indore-Bilaspur Expresses, 387 Dn/388 Up Bhusawal-Allahabad Passengers, and 389 Dn/390 Up Itarsi-Allahabad Passengers consist of 9 bogies each.

(b) Whereas there is some over-crowding on 7 Dn/8 Up Bombay-Howrah Mails via Allahabad, 27 Dn/28 Up Bombay-Varanasi Expresses, 41 Dn/42 Up bi-weekly Janata Expresses and 388 Up Allahabad-Bhusawal Passenger, the others are not fully occupied.

(c) Augmentation of loads of Mails/Expresses now running with 12 bogies, leaving room for one bogie for clearing additional moves, to 14 bogies is not operationally feasible under steam traction. Increase in the loads of other passenger trains except that of 388 Allahabad-Bhusawal Passenger, which is under consideration, is not justified.