

(b) An exchange at Palampur (Kangra District) will be opened during this year; public call offices have been proposed at Nurpur and Shahpur.

(c) Hoshiarpur	8
Kangra	11
Gurdaspur	15

TICKETLESS TRAVELLING

565. Prof. D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to check effectively ticketless travelling on the Northern Railway; and

(b) the results obtained?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) The following steps have been taken to check effectively ticketless travelling on the Northern Railway:—

1. Ticket collectors are posted at principal and junction stations to check tickets of incoming and outgoing passengers.

2. At ticket checking stations which are large junction stations, all trains originating or passing through are thoroughly checked.

3. Wherever possible, at least one T.T.E. is booked to check passengers on a train throughout its run.

4. Flying Squads of T. T. Es. are provided to exercise checks on trains and at stations under the direct supervision of the Senior Subordinates.

5. Surprise checks are conducted by the squads working with the Special Railway Magistrates and by the Headquarters' Squad under the supervision of a Gazetted Officer. Occasionally these parties go by buses and make surprise raids at road side stations. The defaulters are summarily dealt with.

6. A publicity campaign is kept up in the press and otherwise dilating on

the undesirability of ticketless travelling and the civic duty of every citizen to purchase a proper ticket before getting into a train.

(b) The number of passengers detected travelling without tickets or with irregular tickets over the Northern Railway and the amounts realised from them during the years 1951-52 and 1952-53 are shown below:—

	Total number of passengers detected	Amount realised
1951-52	2,212,587	Rs. 42,62,506/-
1952-53	1,862,689	Rs. 35,88,721/-

PASSENGER AMENITIES COMMITTEE ON NORTHERN RAILWAY

566. Prof. D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Passenger Amenities Committee has been formed on the Northern Railway;

(b) whether it has begun to function;

(c) the important recommendations made by it; and

(d) the steps so far taken to implement them?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) With the reorganisation of the Railway Advisory Committees, the Passenger Amenities Committee previously functioning on the Northern Railway ceased to exist with effect from 1-3-1953. A new Committee was formed on July 27, 1953 only after the Zonal Railway Users' Consultative Committee came into being in replacement of the old Local Advisory Committee.

(b) The new Passengers Amenities Committee will examine the proposals for 1954-55 and make its first recommendations some time next year.

(c) and (d). Do not arise.