

Compensatory and Hill Allowances are paid to the Railway employees of the different grades on the Northern Railway (Kangra Valley Section); and

(b) the main factors taken into consideration while granting these allowances?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) and (b). There are only two Railway stations namely Jogindarnagar and Palampur, Punjab at which a compensatory allowance has been sanctioned with effect from 15th April 1954 the date when the line has been re-opened for traffic.

This allowance has been sanctioned on the consideration that a similar concession is admissible to other Central Government servants similarly stationed.

PASSENGER AMENITIES

619. Shri K. C. Jena: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of waiting-rooms, cloak-rooms and goods sheds constructed in the stations in Orissa on the Eastern Railway, during the period from May, 1952 to the end of October, 1954;

(b) whether it has come to the notice of Government that some important Railway Stations in Orissa do not have such facilities causing thereby considerable inconvenience to passengers; and

(c) if so, the time by which all such stations will be provided with waiting-rooms, cloak-rooms and goods-sheds?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a)

	Waiting Halls	Waiting Rooms	Cloak Rooms	Goods Sheds
1952-53	15	Nil	Nil	Nil
1953-54	3	1	Nil	1
1954-55 (up to 31-10-54)	—	3	Nil	Nil

(b) Yes, Sir. Any deficiency in respect of these amenities is progressively made up in consultation with the

Passenger Amenities Committee. Similar action is also taken in respect of Goods Sheds by the Railway Administration.

(c) It is not possible to indicate, for this depends upon the availability of the required funds and materials for providing the necessary amenities at all deficient stations.

PASSENGER AMENITIES

620. Shri K. C. Jena: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the Railway Stations on the Eastern Railway in the State of Orissa do not have *Pani Pande* (water supplier) for supplying water to passengers;

(b) if so, the names of the stations in the State not having *Pani Pander* and

(c) whether Government propose to make some arrangement in this regard on every Railway Station at least for the summer season; and

(d) if so, when the proposal is going to be given effect to?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) No. There are permanent watermen throughout the year at 37 stations in Orissa. Temporary watermen were also posted at 48 stations during the last hot weather.

(b) The stations at which no watermen worked even during the summer were 53. Their names are as follows:—

1. Loknath Road.
2. Basta.
3. Haldipada.
4. Khantapara.
5. Bahanaga Bazar.
6. Markona.
7. Bandpur.
8. Manjuri Road.
9. Balikuda.
10. Mancheswar.
11. Retang.

12. Kalpadar Road.
13. Tapang.
14. Malatipatpur.
15. Bhusandpur.
16. Chilka.
17. Humma.
18. Ganjam.
19. Jagannathpur.
20. Golanthra.
21. Bagdehi.
22. Dhutra.
23. Ib.
24. Lapanga.
25. Sason.
26. Lanjigarh Road.
27. Buramara.
28. Chandamata.
29. Banjiriposi.
30. Kanchinda.
31. Talbandh.
32. Singapore Road.
33. Ambodala.
34. Rupra Road.
35. Muribahal.
36. Harishankar Road.
37. Lakhna.
38. Nawapara Road.
39. Himgir.
40. Dharuadihi.
41. Garpos.
42. Sonakhan.
43. Quarry Siding.
44. Kuar Munda.
45. Kansbahal.
46. Jaraikela.
47. Onlajari.
48. Kuldika.
49. Badampahad.
50. Bisra.
51. Doikallu.
52. Bissamcuttack.
53. Gorumahisani.

will be reviewed before the advent of the summer season and temporary watermen for the summer will be posted at such stations as is considered necessary but not at all stations.

SUB POST-OFFICES IN ORISSA

§21. **Shri K. C. Jena:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Sub-post offices housed in rented houses in the State of Orissa, district-wise;

(b) whether Government propose constructing departmental buildings for those offices;

(c) if so, the time by which the construction is likely to be taken up; and

(d) if the answer to part (b) above be in the negative, the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha in due course.

(b) Departmental buildings will be constructed as and when found necessary.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Does not arise.

TELEGRAPH FACILITIES

§22. **Shri K. C. Jena:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to provide the post offices at the Thana Headquarters with telegraph facilities; and

(b) if so, by what time Government expect to provide these facilities?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Yes, in States without Tehsils; places involving very heavy outlay, would however, be separately examined.

(b) The aim is to provide the facilities within the next three years.

(c) and (d). As every year, the question of appointment of watermen