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#### PASSENGERS AMENITIES

16. **Shri Karni Singhji:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the amount spent for passenger amenities in the Bikaner Division of the Northern Railway during the years 1952-53 and 1953-54 classified under the following heads:—

(i) amenities provided in the rolling stock e.g. fans, baths, etc;

(ii) remodelling of stations;

(iii) improvement of waiting rooms; and

(iv) construction of or improvement of platforms, overhead bridges, etc?

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

(In thousands of rupees)

	1952-53	1953-54
(i)	38	27
(ii)	1,40	13
(iii)	63	44
(iv)	2,08	2,87

#### NURSES IN LADY HARDINGE HOSPITAL

17. **Shri V. P. Nayar:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of nurses, in each grade, working in the Lady Hardinge Hospital, New Delhi;

(b) the scales of pay and other allowances in respect of each category;

(c) the hours of duty they put in every week; and

(d) the number of patients each nurse is in charge of, in various departments of the hospital, during duty-hours?

**The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur):** (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 29].

(c) 56 hours a week by day.

48 hours a week when on night duty.

(d) On an average each nurse is in charge of 5·7 beds.

#### CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES

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

(a) the number of Co-operative Societies of Railway employees and vendors on the Northern Railway; and

(b) the facilities granted by Government for the efficient working and development of these Societies?

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

(i) Co-operative Credit Societies	... ..	4
(ii) Consumer Co-operative Societies	... ..	12
(iii) Co-operative Housing Societies	... ..	1
(iv) Co-operative Societies of Vendors	... ..	2

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 30.]

#### POST OFFICES IN MIDNAPORE DISTRICT

19. **Shri Hasda:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of post offices operating in the Midnapore District in West Bengal;

(b) the number of post offices opened there in 1954-55 on an experimental basis;