

PUBLIC CALL OFFICES AT RAILWAY STATIONS

1798. Shri Karni Singhji: Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal to provide Public Call Offices at Railway Stations where Postal Department telephones already exist ; and

(b) if so, whether Bikaner, Sardarshahr, Sujangarh, Ratangarh and Churu on the Northern Railway (Bikaner Division) will be provided with public telephones?

The Minister in the Ministry of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):

(a) It has been the policy of the P. and T. Department to open Public Call Offices at Railway Stations wherever there is a reasonable demand for the same provided telephone exchanges exist at those places.

(b) A Public Call Office exists at Bikaner Railway Station. There is no proposal at present to open Public Call Offices at railway stations of Sujangarh, Sardarshahr, Ratangarh and Churu.

सीसे के कारखाने में मजदूर

१७६६. श्री बलबन्त सिंह मेहता : क्या धम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) कटरासगढ (बिहार) में सीसे के कारखाने में मजदूरों की संख्या कितनी है ;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि वहां पर उनके रहने और दवा दारू की पर्याप्त व्यवस्था नहीं है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इन सुविधाओं को सुधारने के लिये क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है ?

धम उपमंत्री (श्री अरविंद अली) : सूचना प्राप्त की जा रही है जो कुछ समय पश्चात् सभा-पटल पर रख दी जायेगी ।

PASSENGER AMENITIES

1800. Shri Hem Raj: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state :

(a) the passenger amenities which were proposed to be provided on the Kangra Valley Section of the Northern Railway under the First Five Year Plan ; and

(b) the amenities which have been provided up to the end of March, 1956?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) The following passenger amenities were proposed to be provided during the First Five Year Plan :—

(i) Providing waiting accommodation for passengers at Samloti.

(ii) Providing cement concrete coping to rail level passenger platform at Nagrota.

(iii) Replacing worn out sleeper coping of passenger platforms with shingle and cement concrete coping at Kangra, Nurpur Road, Mangwal, Kopar Lehar, Annur Talara and Janwala Shehr.

(iv) Provision of cement shingle coping to rail level passenger platforms at Bharmar and Samloti.

(v) Electrification of Railway Stations, Kangra, Nagrota, Palampur, Baijnath Paprola and Joginder Nagar.

(vi) Extension to waiting halls at Paror and Annur.

(vii) Providing Ghara Shelters at Bharmar, Guler and Kopar Lehar.

(viii) Providing gable and over the existing 3rd class waiting hall at Nagrota.

(b) All of them have been completed by March 1956 except the extension to waiting hall at Annur which work has been held in abeyance for the present on account of a proposal to rebuild the station building.

POSTAL FACILITIES IN PUNJAB

1801. Shri Hem Raj: Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state :

(a) the number and names of the places where post offices, telegraph offices and telephone public call offices were proposed to be opened during the First Five Year Plan in Punjab ; and

(b) the number and the names of the places where they have been opened up to the end of March, 1956?