

PASSENGER AMENITIES

1425. Shri Ramachandra Reddi: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the sanctioned estimate or estimates since 1952-53 for the provision of passenger amenities at the Chiluvur Railway Station, Southern Railway;

(b) the amount spent up to the 31st March, 1956 and the works completed; and

(c) the works which are still incomplete and the amount to be spent to complete them?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) The construction of a new station building and covering over the platform at Chiluvur Railway Station were sanctioned at a cost of Rs. 65.330 on the 30th August 1952.

(b) The expenditure incurred up to 31st March 1956 was Rs. 47,092. The construction of the Station building along with water supply and the drainage was completed in March 1954.

(c) Trusses for covering the platform are being manufactured. The expenditure on the works still to be completed would be about Rs. 18,000.

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1426. Shri Ramachandra Reddi: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that unfiltered water from an irrigation-cum-drainage channel is being supplied at the Nellore Railway Station (Southern Railway) both to the Railway staff and the passengers;

(b) whether the Chairman or Commissioner of the Nellore Municipality has given notice to the Railway authorities that the supply of such water should be discontinued for reasons of sanitation and health of the users of such water; and

(c) if so, the action finally taken by the Railway authorities to discontinue such supply of water?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) At Nellore, the water is supplied from two sources:—

(i) Water is pumped from a well in the Pennar river to the High Level Tank at the station. During the dry season, this water is pumped by portable pumps installed in the river bed, the aim being to obtain water from the Pennar river bed as far as possible to meet demand at the station.

(ii) During the Monsoon, the water is pumped from a well situated by the side of Survepalli Canal. The well is fed from the canal through sub-soil percolation. The water in the High Service Tank is chlorinated by Mc-leod Box arrangement before distribution.

The samples of water are tested periodically and so far, the test reports have been very satisfactory.

(b) Yes, Sir. The Municipal Commissioner, Nellore, has given notice for providing protected water supply for the passengers at Nellore Station but, as has been stated above, the quality of water on tests has been found to be very satisfactory.

(c) An estimate for pumping water by electric pumps from a well in the Pennar river as a permanent measure has been sanctioned and when the work is completed, the total supply of water to Nellore Station will be from this well alone through out the year.

NELLORE-MYDAKUR LINE

1427. Shri B. S. Murthy: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra have suggested that the new Nellore-Mydakur line be laid through Chagalamarri;

(b) if so, the decision thereon; and

(c) the increase in mileage and cost if the suggestion is accepted?