

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) It is directly connected with Banaras, but not with Gorakhpur. Azamgarh-Gorakhpur calls transit at Mau. The communication is not obstructed by the Mau exchange.

(b) The traffic between Azamgarh and Gorakhpur does not justify a direct circuit.

Bridge over Dohrighat

176. Shri Kalika Singh: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposed bridge at Dohrighat on the Gorakhpur-Ghazipur-Banaras National Highway is included in the Second Five Year Plan period; and

(b) if so, what is the estimated cost?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Yes.

(b) Rs. 92 lakhs approximately.

Azamgarh Railway Station

177. Shri Kalika Singh: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Azamgarh Station on the North Eastern Railway is being converted into a first Class Railway Station;

(b) if so, what amenities are proposed to be provided to passengers; and

(c) whether the approach road of the Railway Station would be cemented?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) There is no proposal to make any major changes.

(b) However, (i) A 300 ft. long platform shelter is under construction.

(ii) provision has been made in 1957-58 for installing hand pump in goods shed; extension of parcel office and S.Q.T. godown, and

(iii) in 1958-59 it is proposed to provide a goods office and strong room.

(c) No, Sir.

Minor Port of Ratnagiri

178. Shri Premjibhai Ranchhodass Assar: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal for development of the minor Ports of Ratnagiri District (Bombay State);

(b) if so, the names of Ports; and

(c) the nature of the proposal and the decision taken thereon?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) to (c). The development of minor ports is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. The Central Government gives financial assistance for schemes included in the Five Year Plans. The Second Five Year Plan includes schemes for the development of the ports of Vengurla, Malvan, Vijardurg, Purnagad, Ratnagiri, Jaigad, Dabhol, Deogad, Achra, Boriya and Bankot in the Ratnagiri District (Bombay State). The works cover improvement of landing facilities, navigational aids, etc.

Divya Dasgaon Railway Line

**179. { Shri Assar:
Shri Goray:**

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the replies given to Unstarred Question No. 155 on the 25th July, 1956 and Starred Question No. 1364 on the 19th December, 1956 and state:

(a) the new Railway lines for which survey has been ordered in Bombay State;

(b) whether the survey report in respect of Diva Dasgaon line has since been examined; and

(c) if so, what is their decision?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah nawaz Khan): (a) A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 43.]

(b) The examination is not yet over. The line is not however included in the 2nd Five Year Plan of the railway.

(c) Does not arise.

Passenger Amenities

180. Shri Sree Narayan Das: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether any programme for the development and also the provision of passenger amenities at the stations on the Samastipur Mansi Branch of North Eastern Railway during the Second Five Year Plan has been drawn up;

(b) if so, whether a copy of the same will be laid on the Table of the Sabha; and

(c) the important developmental works completed or undertaken and passenger amenities provided during the First Five Year Plan at all these stations?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah nawaz Khan): (a) Yes, Sir. Based on the recommendations of the Railway Users' Amenities Committee a programme for passenger amenity works is drawn up and the works included in the Works Programme from year to year.

(b) A statement showing these works is laid on the Table of Lok Sabha. [See Appendix II, annexure, No. 44.]

(c) Following development and passenger amenity works were completed during the First Five Year Plan on the Samastipur-Mansi Branch:—

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| 1. Samastipur Station. | — | Improved lighting by fitting adequate number of fluorescent tube lights in waiting halls and on platforms, water cooler, battery charging facilities for branch line rakes. |
| 2. Mansi Station. | — | A refreshment room. |
| 3. Khagaria and Mansi Stations. | — | Electrification of Stations. |
| 4. Narhan, Ruseraghat, Nayanagar, Hasanpur Road, Gorhpura Halt, Salouna, Imli and Olapur Stations. | — | Additional hand pump. |
| 5. Hasanpur Road Station. | — | Two water cages. |
| 6. Ruseraghat and Nayanagar Stations. | — | Passenger Hall. |
| 7. Angarghat, Narhan, Ruseraghat, Nayanagar, Hasanpur Road, Gorhpura Halt, Salouna, Imli and Olapur Stations. | — | Six numbers platform-benches, at each Station. |
| 8. Gorhpura halt | — | Conversion into a 'D' class station between Hasanpur Road and Salouna stations. |
| 9. Ruseraghat and Hasanpur Road, stations. | — | Vendor's stall. |