

considered in 1959-60 according to this priority. No request has been received from the public through the Municipal Council.

Import of Rail Bridge Materials

993. **Shri Sugandhi:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that imports of rail bridge materials required for the bridges in Gadag-Sholapur M.G. Section of Southern Railway were held up due to Suez crisis;

(b) whether the shipments of these materials have now been arranged; and

(c) if so, the probable date when the works may start?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) No Sir. The facts are as follows:—

The works consist of renewal of spans on four bridges. The 20 Nos. 100' spans required for two bridges are still under fabrication and their fabrication may take another 2/4 months to complete. In respect of the 35 spans of 150' required for another two bridges, the working drawings have been received and are under check and the fabrication of steel work may start in a month's time.

(b) The shipment is to be arranged by the fabricating firms and the matter of arranging shipment is under reference with the fabricators' representatives in India. The date of shipment cannot be given at present.

(c) The renewal work may start in the field by about the middle of January, 1958 provided a sufficient number of girders are received by November 1957. The steel work required is 4030 tons.

Passenger Amenities

994. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state what passenger amenities have

been provided at the stations on the Amritsar-Pathankot line of Northern Railway during the First Five Year Plan?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): The following passenger amenities have been provided at stations on the Amritsar-Pathankot line of the Northern Railway during the First Five Year Plan period:

(i) Amritsar (a) Conversion of rest rooms into Retiring rooms on 1st floor of station building.

(b) Provision of mosaic flooring in III class passenger hall.

(ii) Batala Replacing brick-on-edge flooring with shell-read on passenger platform.

(iii) Bharoli Provision of electric lighting.

(iv) Pathankot (a) Flush type latrines and urinals for 1st, 2nd and 3rd class passengers.

(b) Waiting hall, tonga shed and a new road in front of tonga shed.

(c) 300 ft. long I.R.S. type shelter over passenger platform (B.G.).

(d) Improvement of lighting, including tube lighting in III class Waiting Hall and on BG & NG platforms.

(e) 750 ft. long washable apron.

(f) Electrification of vendors shop.

Import of Foodgrains

995. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the type and quantity of foodgrains, other than wheat and rice, imported into India during 1957 (upto the end of July)?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): No foodgrains other than wheat and rice have been imported into India during 1957 on Government account.