

Postal Stamps depicting Indian Poets

294. **Shri Abdul Salam:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state the number of Indian Poets who have been honoured by publishing their portraits in Postal Stamps?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (**Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri**): Six, namely, Kabirdasa, Mirabai, Tulsidasa, Surdasa, Mirza Ghalib and Rabindranath Tagore.

Railway Over-bridge at Jullundur

295. **Sardar Iqbal Singh:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the progress so far made in the construction of the over-bridge between Jullundur Cantonment and Jullundur City;

(b) the scheduled time allowed for the construction of this bridge and whether the work will be completed within that time; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (**Shri Shah Nawaz Khan**): (a) The construction has not been started.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to (a)

(c) An estimate amounting to Rs. 1,54,562 for providing a road over-bridge at Mile 253 for Grand Trunk Road between Jullundur Cantt. and Jullundur City was sent to the Government of Punjab in May, 1956. Since then, the matter has been under correspondence with the Government of Punjab. The final data have been received from the Government of Punjab in connection with the design of the bridge on 2nd August 1957 and the proposals are being finalised by the Northern Railway Administration.

Railway High School at Ferozepore Railway Colony

296. **Sardar Iqbal Singh:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the present position regarding

the setting up of proposed Railway High School at Ferozepore Railway Colony?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (**Shri Shah Nawaz Khan**): There is no proposal for setting up a Railway High School at Ferozepore.

Railway Wagons

297. **Shri Yadav:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the difficulties regarding availability of railway wagons, which caused the closure of the Garividi group of mines in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to ensure that a similar situation does not occur in future?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (**Shri Shah Nawaz Khan**): (a) and (b). As a result of representations received from the Mine Owners of Garividi area in June, 1957, arrangement for movement of manganese ore from this area to Vizagapatam Port have already been made to the maximum extent feasible consistent with the existing rail as well as port capacity. A daily quota of 25 to 30 wagons per day has been fixed for movement of this traffic and loading from July to October has been well above the quota except during the periods in August and September when on account of labour strike at Vizagapatam Port, loading had to be reduced. The total stock of manganese ore lying at Vizagapatam Port as on 31st October 1957 was 2,49,562 tons representing roughly 30 ships loads.

It is not known whether the mines in the Garividi area were closed for short supply of wagons.

Capacity of India's Ports

298. **Sardar Iqbal Singh:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state the capacity of Bombay, Madras, Calcutta, Kandla, Cochin and Visakhapatnam Ports and to what extent it falls short of the demand?