

Quarters for Railway Employees

1685. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the number of houses constructed during the First Five Year Plan and the first year of Second Plan for the Railway Employees on the Northern Railway?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): The number of quarters constructed for railway employees on the Northern Railway from 1-4-52, i.e., the date of formation of Northern Railway to 31-3-56 is 7,707 and those constructed during the first year of the Second Plan is 1,916, respectively. The number of staff quarters built between 1-4-51 to 13-4-52 is not readily available.

Labour (Employment)

1686. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the strength of labour employed in Railway Workshop, Amritsar (Year-wise) from 1951 to 1957 so far;

(b) whether Government have any scheme to expand this workshop; and

(c) if so, how much additional labour it will absorb?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan):

(a) Period ending	Strength
31-12-1951	1,454
31-12-1952	1,483
31-12-1953	1,695
31-12-1954	1,511
31-12-1955	1,523
31-12-1956	1,486
30-9-1957	1,535

(b) Yes.

(c) 2,000 approximately.

Nangal-Una Railway Link

1687. { **Shri D. C. Sharma:**
Shri Hem Raj:
Shri Daljit Singh:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Traffic Survey of the new railway line connecting Nangal to Una has been completed;

(b) if not, the approximate time that the survey will take; and

(c) the estimated amount earmarked for its construction?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) Yes, Sir. But the Survey Report is still awaited from the Northern Railway Administration.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The construction of this line is not included in the 842 miles of new lines approved by the Planning Commission for construction during the Second Five Year Plan.

Diesel Trains

1688. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to have diesel trains between Ambala and Amritsar; and

(b) if so, the number of such trains?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

Ticketless Passengers

1689. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any considerable decrease in the number of passengers travelling without tickets in the trains on Northern Railway as a result of the endeavours of Railway Magistrates; and