

Passenger Amenities

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

(a) what passenger amenities have been provided at the stations on the Hindumalkote to Bhatinda Branch line of Northern Railway during the First Five Year Plan; and

(b) the programme of these amenities to be provided in the Second Five Year Plan period?

The Deputy-Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) and (b). A statement is placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 84].

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647. Sardar Iqbal Singh: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state what passenger amenities have been provided at the stations on the Ferozepore and Bhatinda line of Northern Railway during the First Five Year Plan, station-wise?

The Deputy-Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) The following passenger amenities have been provided on the stations on Ferozepore-Bhatinda Section during First Five Year Plan:

1. Ferozepore Cantt.—Improvement to lighting on passenger platforms.
2. Faridkot.—Electrification of Railway Station and brick flooring of passenger platform.
3. Kot-Kapura.—Improvement to water supply.
4. Jaitu.—Waiting room for Upper Class passengers and booking facilities.
5. Goniana.—Bank on edge flooring on passenger platform.

New Railway Lines in Punjab

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

(a) whether there is any proposal to lay a railway line connecting Abohar to Sirsa and Muktsar to Guru Harsahai in the Punjab;

(b) if so, whether any survey has been carried out in this respect;

(c) if so, what railway alignment has been proposed; and

(d) the time it will take for the proposal to materialise?

The Deputy-Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) No. such proposal is under consideration at present because there is no likelihood of any new line being included in the Second Five Year Plan.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

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649. Sardar Iqbal Singh: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state what passenger amenities have been provided at the stations on the Fazilka-Bhatinda line of Northern Railway during the First Five Year Plan?

The Deputy-Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) The following amenities have been provided at the stations on Fazilka-Bhatinda line during the First Five Year Plan:

1. Roranwala, Ramgarh, Jhabelwali, Wander Jatana.—Shelter over ticket windows.
2. Lakhewala.—Benches on passenger platform.
3. Muktsar.—(i) Extension of waiting hall;
(ii) benches on passenger platforms; and
(iii) water taps in waiting room.