

Railway Bridges on Delhi-Ferozepore Line

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

(a) whether it is proposed to strengthen the bridges on the Delhi-Ferozepore line; and

(b) if so, the details of the programme?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) There is no proposal at present to strengthen any existing bridge on this section

(b) Does not arise.

'Bad Climate' Allowance

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

(a) whether it is a fact that special pay in the form of a 'bad climate' allowance has been granted to non-gazetted employees in certain stations on the Northern Railways,

(b) the names of those stations; and

(c) whether similar allowance is to be provided for other 'bad climate' stations on this Railway?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri shahnawaz Khan): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The bad climate allowance is given only for the areas declared by the State Governments to be unhealthy. As no railway station on the Northern Railway falls under this category, the question raised herein does not arise.

Wooden Bridge, Shahganj

594. **Shri Ganpati Ram:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that materials for wooden bridge at Shahganj Junction, Northern Railway, have already been collected but it has not been erected up till now;

(b) if so, the reasons for the delay; and

(c) whether Government propose to take measures to relieve the distress of the passengers to cross the line from one platform to another?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) to (c). It is a fact that some materials for the foot-over bridge at Shahganj have been collected. The erection, however, would be taken in hand on completion of the construction of the new island platform. The work is expected to be completed by the middle of 1958.

Corruption cases on Northern Railway

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

(a) the number of Railway officers dismissed in 1957 on account of their being involved in corruption cases on the Northern Railway; and

(b) the number out of them belonging to Traffic, Engineering Personnel, Medical and Stores Departments, separately?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) Nil.

(b) Does not arise.

Forests in Andhra

596 **Shri B. S. Murthy:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the amount asked for by the Andhra Pradesh Government for forest development during 1958-59; and