

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri S. K. Patil):

(a) Hamirpur is a Public Call Office connected via 4 other Public Call Offices to Dharamsala telephone exchange. Trunk calls to other main centres of Punjab are established via Dharamsala Exchange.

(b) The question of providing better facilities is under examination.

Roads in Himachal Pradesh

1937. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state

(a) the total mileage of district roads constructed by the Himachal Pradesh Administration during 1958, so far, and

(b) the total money spent on these roads?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha in due course.

Purchase of Railway Engines and Wagons

1938. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the amount of foreign exchange spent by Indian Railways on purchasing the new railway engines and wagons during the last five years?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): The information in respect of amount of foreign exchange spent by the Indian Railways for purchasing the new railway engines and wagons for the 5 years 1953-54 to 1957-58 are given as under.

(Figures in crores of Rs.)

Imported railway engines (Locomotives)	Rs. 52.0
Imported wagons	Rs. 39.4 ⁶

Note. These figures are exclusive of locomotives and wagons received under Aid through TCM and Colombo Plan.

Drinking Water for Hoshiarpur District, Punjab

1939 Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have submitted any scheme for the supply of drinking water in Hoshiarpur District of Punjab,

(b) if so the details and nature of the scheme,

(c) whether the scheme has been approved by the Central Government and also regarding Lajpat Rai Water Works, and

(d) if so, the amount sanctioned for each scheme so far?

The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar): (a) Yes

(b) The details of the schemes are as stated below

			Estimated cost
			Rs.
1	Hoshiarpur Scheme	W S	12 28 Lakhs
2	Durahra	W S Scheme	13 49 lakhs
3	Bhabaur, Bass, Barai and Bhatoli	W S Scheme	1 145 lakhs
4	Chintpurni	W S Scheme	1 94 lakhs
5	Hoshiarpur Drainage		6 79 lakhs
6	Dasuya Drainage		3 59 lakhs

(c) Two schemes, namely, Hoshiarpur Drainage and Durahra Water supply schemes have so far been approved.

With regard to Lajpat Rai Water Works, an estimate costing Rs 1.29 lakhs for providing electrically driven pumping sets at Tehliwala was received and scrutinised by the Central Public Health Engineering Organisation. It was found that the scheme did not qualify for central assistance.

(d) Amounts are sanctioned for all the approved schemes collectively and not for individual schemes. It is left to the State Governments to allocate the sanctioned amount for each