

made available to the P. & T. Department to enable installation of more equipment.

Engine Failures

2225. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of engines which failed during 1959 (upto 30-6-1959) month-wise, on the Indian Railways, Railway-wise;

(b) the reasons for such failures, and

(c) the steps taken to prevent failures in future?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah nawas Khan): (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House [See Appendix IV, annexure No 8]

Passenger Amenities

2226. Shri D C Sharma: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent during 1958-59 for providing amenities for passengers at the following stations on Pathankot-Amritsar Section of Northern Railway:

- (i) Gurdaspur
- (ii) Dhariwal
- (iii) Batala; and

(b) the nature of amenities provided station-wise?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah nawas Khan): (a) and (b). The nature of amenities provided and the amounts spent on the same

during 1958-59 on the following stations are given below:

Name of station	Nature of amenity provided	Cost
		Rs.
Gurdaspur	Cover over platform	(4,000 per debit)
Dhariwal	Nil	Nil
Batala	Water hut and taps	1,000

Reduction of Running Time

2227 Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the time taken to travel a distance of 18 miles from Gurgaon to Delhi by rail is about one and a half hours, and

(b) if so, the nature of the action proposed to be taken to reduce the time?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah nawas Khan): (a) The time taken by passenger carrying trains to traverse the distance of 20 miles from Gurgaon to Delhi varies from 1 hour to 10 minutes to 1 hour 43 minutes. This is mainly due to the following factors —

- (1) The maximum permissible speed of the section is 40 miles per hour due to lighter type of rails on the Delhi-Gurgaon section,
- (ii) Extra time has to be provided for crossing of trains on the Delhi-Sarai-Rohilla-Garhi Har-saru single line section, and
- (iii) Extra time has also to be provided for engineering restrictions in connection with the