

(b) the facilities extended to them?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) The total number of tourists visiting Agra is not available. However, the number of tourists that stayed in hotels, Dak Bungalows, Rest Houses, etc. in Agra from 1st of January to 31st of October, 1959, figures for which are available, is as under:

Indians	15,688
Foreigners	13,222

(b) Facilities extended to tourists in Agra include tourists information, travel literature, and guide services.

In addition the following facilities are available to tourists in Agra:

Several good hotels of which one can be described as first class, taxis operated by private operators, two tourist coaches, and about a dozen taxis operated by the U.P. Roadways.

Flood Control

1504. Shri N. M. Deb: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state whether Government have any proposal to introduce collapsible Dam System as a flood control measure as in vogue in the U.S.A.?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathl): The reply is in the negative.

Onions

1505. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the amount allotted for stepping up production of onions to various States in the years 1958-59 and 1959-60?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): Research Schemes on onions have been sanctioned by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research in the States of Andhra Pradesh, West Bengal and Bombay only, with a view to conduct intensive research on onions for improving the

yield, keeping quality, colour, shape and size of the bulbs. The amounts sanctioned by the Council for the purpose for the years 1958-59 and 1959-60 are as under:

Name of State	Amounts sanctioned (Council's share)	
	1958-59 Rs.	1959-60 Rs.
Andhra Pradesh	3,400/-	3,350/-
West Bengal	4,150/-	4,100/-
Bombay		3,165/-

Passenger Amenities on Northern Railway

1506. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent so far during 1959-60 for providing amenities for passengers at the following Stations on Pathankot-Amritsar Section of the 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) No amount was spent on any of these stations during 1959-60 for providing amenities to passengers.

(b) Does not arise.

Bus Transport in Punjab

1507. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) what is the Central Government assistance given to Punjab State to implement the nationalisation scheme of bus transport; and

(b) the progress so far made in the matter by Punjab State?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b). A