

(Egyptian Region) is laid on the Table. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 10). Similar information in regard to Burma, Thailand, Afghanistan and Iran is not available.

#### Passenger Amenities

2287. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether any suggestions have been received regarding provision of goods sheds, drinking water facilities, parcel godowns, enlargement of third class waiting halls and covering sheds on the passenger platforms on the Jullundur-Pathankot line of the Northern Railway during 1958, 1959 and 1960 respectively;

(b) if so, which of them have been accepted; and

(c) the action taken thereon?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan):** (a) Yes, Sir. The following suggestions for the provision of additional facilities at Mukerian station were received during 1960.

- (i) Raising of passenger platform
- (ii) Covering of passenger platform
- (iii) Extension of passenger platform

(iv) Construction of another passenger platform on opposite side and construction of an over-bridge to connect them

(v) Extension of waiting hall.

(b) Items (ii), (iii) & (iv) above with the exception of an over-bridge were accepted.

(c) The works of extending the existing platform and construction of another platform on the opposite side have been included in the Works programme for 1961-62.

The construction of the shed over the platform will be taken up later during the Third Five Year Plan period.

#### Tourism in Punjab

2288. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Punjab Government have submitted any scheme to Centre for the development of tourism in the State during the Third Five Year Plan period;

(b) if so, the main details of the scheme; and

(c) the nature and extent of financial aid sought by the State in this respect?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) to (c). The Government of Punjab had proposed the following schemes for inclusion in the State Third Five Year Plan:

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme	Total Estimated cost.
		Rs. in lakhs
1.	Provision of accommodation for tourists—12 tourist cottage at Katrain—Kulu	0.80
2.	Camping ground for mules and sheds for muleteers at Manali	0.50
3.	Development of Pinjore Gardens	1.00
4.	Improvement of Serais and Dharamsalas	0.75
5.	Development of 3 lakes between Kulu and Manali	20.00
6.	Low income group rest house at Manikaran	1.00
7.	Low income group rest house at Baij Nath	1.00
8.	Low income group rest house at Truind	2.00
9.	Low income group rest house at Anandpur	1.00
10.	Construction of baths at Vashisht and Sona	2.00
11.	Provision of parks and beautification of Manali	0.70
12.	Running of Tourist Information Centres in the State	6.00
13.	Tourist Publications—Facilities and Souvenirs	2.10
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>38.85</b>