

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) and (b). The Modhopur Beas link, which provides for diversion of supplies of River Ravi to the extent of 10,000 cusecs to River Beas, has already been completed. Another link channel known as Ravi-Beas link is also being investigated by the Government of Punjab. Detailed investigations on this scheme are reported to be in progress.

Passenger Amenities on Northern Railway

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

(a) whether Government have considered the amenities to be provided to Railway passengers during 1961-62 on Northern Railway; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details are given in the list laid on the Table. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 96].

Track Renewal on Rewari-Bhatinda Route

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

(a) whether the programme of track renewal on the Rewari Bhatinda route of the Northern Railway has been finalised; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Out of the total length of 186.40 miles of this Section, 69.23 miles of track have been relaid and the work on 83.47 miles is in progress. The remaining 33.70 miles are proposed to be renewed in phases during the 3rd Plan Period.

Circular Railway Round Calcutta

**745. { Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:
Shri D. C. Sharma:**

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 687 on the 1st March, 1961 and state the progress since made in regard to the scheme for construction of circular Railway around Calcutta?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): No progress has been made.

New Lines in Coal Field Areas

**746. { Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:
Shri Jangde:**

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 724 on the 1st March, 1961 and state:

(a) whether the proposal for construction of new lines in coal-field areas during Third Five Year Plan has since been finalised; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) Not yet.

(b) Does not arise.

Himachal Pradesh Co-operative Bank

747. Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: Will the Minister of Community Development and Co-operation be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Himachal Pradesh Co-operative Bank is not audited regularly;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(c) when it was audited recently?

The Deputy Minister of Community Development and Co-operation (Shri B. S. Murthy): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) On 6th May, 1961.