

Inadequate arrangements for passengers at Nangal Dam and Hoshiarpur Railway Stations

266. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the inadequate arrangements for the passengers at Nangal Dam and Hoshiarpur Railway Stations of Northern Railway have been brought to the notice of Government; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to provide necessary facilities at these two places?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) and (b). To meet the requirements of passenger traffic offering at Nangal Dam and Hoshiarpur Railway Stations, the facilities like raised platform with adequate covering, waiting accommodation by way of waiting hall, upper class waiting room, adequate drinking water arrangements, proper arrangements for lighting, circulating area etc. already exist on each of the said stations. However, during the Informal Consultative Committee of Hon'ble Members of Parliament with the Northern Railway on 7th May 1973, it was stressed to give face-lift to Hoshiarpur Railway Station, accordingly the work has since been completed.

Defects in the working of generation units of Indraprastha Power Station in Delhi

268. SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF: SHRI R. S. PANDEY:

Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether during the last three-four months, two of DESU's five generation units at Indraprastha Power Station in Delhi developed trouble; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by Government in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) and (b). Of the five generating units at the Indraprastha Power Station, Delhi, one has been under a scheduled major overhaul since May, 1973. The remaining units have been functioning except for outages of short durations due to various mechanical/electrical faults that developed during their working. Thermal power generating plants have a large number of mechanical auxiliaries and sub-systems. It is well recognised that these are prone to develop faults. Recently, a Committee headed by Member (Thermal) of Central Water and Power Commission has gone into the question of failures and given a number of suggestions for minimising these by effecting a number of changes in procedures and systems. These are being attended to.

Silting problem of Kosi Barrage Scheme

269. SHRI MADHU LIMAYE: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether, when the Kosi Barrage Scheme was formulated the hydrological problems, including the vast problem of silting, were not examined in depth;

(b) whether clearance for projects like check dams and storage dams was not negotiated at the time with the Government of Nepal;

(c) whether the river bed and the level of land within the confines of the Kosi bunds is rapidly rising because of the silting-up process;

(d) whether within the next 15 years, Kosi will start overflowing the bunds and they will give way; and