

**Bankhedli Railway Station (Central Railway)**

2021. Shri Nitiraj Singh Chaudhari: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new station building has been constructed at Bankhedli (Central Railway);

(b) whether it is a fact that there is no verandah or upper class waiting room there;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there is no latrine and urinal at the Up and Down platforms at the said station; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to provide these facilities at this station?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poonacha): (a) Yes.

(b) A verandah has been provided in the station building but no upper class waiting room has been provided at this station.

(c) No. One block of latrines and urinals for gents and another for ladies have been provided on the up platform but not on the down platform.

(d) The upper class passenger traffic handled at this station is too small and does not justify provision of an upper class waiting room. As regards latrines and urinals on down platform, provision of the same is also not considered necessary at present since this platform is being connected by a foot overbridge with the up platform where adequate number of latrines and urinals have been provided.

**Thompson Press (India) Ltd., Faridabad**

2022. Shrimati Savitri Shyam: Will the Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new enterprise under the name of Thompson Press (India) Ltd., has been started at Faridabad;

(b) if so, the founders and collaborators of the concern and the object with which it has been started and the assistance Government have provided to this enterprise;

(c) the reasons for Thomson Press being needed for the production of books when Government have their own National Book Trust and they help other Trusts; and

(d) whether there is also a proposal to start a chain of newspapers by this enterprise?

The Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs (Shri F. A. Ahmed): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During October 1963, Government of India approved the collaboration agreement between M/s. Thompson Press India Ltd., New Delhi and M/s. Thompson Printers Ltd., London, U.K. for the establishment of a Printing Plant on the following terms and conditions:

(i) The total issued capital of the company will be Rs. 25 lakhs of which M/s. Thompson Printers Ltd., London will contribute 40 per cent.

(ii) The foreign investment will be utilised for purchase of imported plant and machinery for setting up a modern book printing and book binding plant;

(iii) The cost of balance of the imported equipment required for setting up the plant will be met by a loan of £100,000 to be advanced by M/s. Thompson Printers Ltd., London, carrying interest at the rate of 6 per cent per annum, the repayment being spread over a period of not less than 10 years.

(iv) The company must confine its business to the printing and reprinting of books which would be primarily scientific and technical standard text