

Kangra Valley Railway

1763. Shri Hem Raj: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representation has been received by Government from the public for the new alignment of the Kangra Valley Railway (Northern Railway) through the populous area between Jawanwala Shahra to Guler;

(b) whether its survey has been completed;

(c) how many new bridges will be constructed on this portion; and

(d) whether these bridges will be converted into rail-cum-road bridges for the convenience of the public?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):

(a) Yes, in connection with the land area to be sub-merged on construction of the Pong Dam.

(b) No.

(c) and (d). This will be known only after the survey work is completed.

T. B. Sanatorium in Eastern U.P.

1764. Shri J. B. Singh: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme under Third Five Year Plan to open Sanatorium for T. B. patients in Eastern Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, at which place?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Health (Dr. D. S. Raju): (a) and (b). There is no Scheme at present to open any new Sanatoria, but two new 100 bedded hospitals for T.B. patients are coming up during the Third Plan at Gorakhpur and at Varanasi, apart from a 60 bedded new hospital for isolation of advanced T.B. patients, also at Gorakhpur.

Railway Bridges at Mau Junction

1765. Shri J. B. Singh: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to construct during the Third Five Year Plan period over-bridges on the crossings of both sides of the Railway platform of Mau junction in Azamgarh district; and

(b) if so, when?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Loading from Jaipur Division to Kangra Valley Railway

1766. Shri K. R. Gupta: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Railway Loading from Jaipur Division of Western Railway for stations on the Kangra-Valley Railway (Narrow Gauge) stand totally closed since the year ending 31st December, 1960 except for the commodities of Salt and cement;

(b) if so, the reason therefor and the expected time-limit for reopening of the same;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Dolling stock on the Kangra Valley line is mostly exhausted and no new rolling-stock is given to it; and

(d) if so, the main reason for the same?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy):

(a) and (b). The Kangra Valley Narrow Gauge Section has only a limited capacity for about a total of 10 wagons per day. In order to ensure the expeditious clearance of essential commodities from the different Railways, the capacity of 10 wagons is equitably distributed among the different Railways. Quotas have been given for movement of such es-