

Shri Da'jit Singh:
Shri C. M. Kedarla:
Shri Ramapathi Rao:
Shri Rajdeo Singh:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Northern Railways' Swimming Pool, New Delhi was constructed at an exorbitant cost of Rs. 12 lakhs; and

(b) if so, reaction of Government thereto?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) The Swimming Pool in the Northern Railway Stadium at Paharganj New Delhi was constructed at a cost of Rs. 6.57 lakhs only.

(b) In the Delhi area, there was till recently no Swimming Pool for the use of the Railway staff. For a considerable time, the necessity of providing this amenity to the Railway staff had been felt. A Swimming Pool in the Northern Railway Stadium New Delhi was therefore constructed.

Quarters for Railway Research, Design and Standards Organisation Staff, Lucknow

2438. Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:
Shri Vishram Prasad:
Shri Daljit Singh:
Shri C. M. Kedarla:
Shri Ramapathi Rao:
Shri Rajdeo Singh:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a very large sum of money was sanctioned by the Northern Railway during 1964 onwards for provision of quarters to the Staff of Research, Design and Standards Organisation at Lucknow on urgency basis; and

(b) if so, the reasons for not constructing staff quarters on an emergency basis for the benefit of Class III and Class IV staff, who placed their demand for quarters as far back as in 1950 and onward?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) It is a fact that a sum of Rs. 1.3 crores was sanctioned during 1963-64 for construction of 500 quarters for class III and 90 quarters for class IV staff of Research, Design and Standards Organisation, Lucknow.

(b) The headquarters of R.D.S.O. were at Simla upto 1963. In 1963, it was decided to shift the headquarters to Lucknow. Sanction for construction of 590 quarters for class III and class IV staff on urgency basis was accorded in 1963-64 as mentioned above. Work on construction of these 590 quarters has already been completed.

Triveni Steel Structural, Naini

2439. Shri Dighe:
Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:
Shri P. C. Borooah:

Will the Minister of Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made so far about the Triveni Steel Structural,—a joint enterprise of India and Austria, which is being set up at Naini (Allahabad); and

(b) the time by which this factory will begin to produce steel structural works, building structures, tower structures and blast furnaces?

The Minister of Industry (Shri D. Sanjivayya): (a) The land for the Plant has been taken over in July, 1966. The work of levelling of the plant area for Phase I which involves approximately 5 million cu. ft. of earthwork is in hand and 60 per cent. of the same has been completed by now. Temporary arrangements for water and power supply have since been made. Work for permanent water supply scheme is being taken up in hand. Power Supply arrangements may take another couple of months as shifting of 66 KV & 33 KV Overhead Transmission Lines is also involved. Work on four storage sheds and three office sheds is in advanced stage of completion.