

[English]

**Face Lifting of Railway Stations in Punjab**

2110. BABA SUCHA SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount earmarked during current year for face lifting of the Railway Stations in Punjab;

(b) the criteria for selecting the Railway Stations for face lifting; and

(c) the details of Railway Stations in Ferozpur Division selected for face lifting?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH): (a) Rs. 15.84 lakh.

(b) Face lifting including renovation of stations is a continuous process and the same is done in a phased manner depending on the volume of traffic handled at a station subject to availability of funds and comparative needs of other stations.

(c) various works in this regard are proposed to be under-taken at the following stations of Ferozpur division:-

- (i) Jammu Tawi
- (ii) Jalandhar City
- (iii) Mukerian
- (iv) Phillaur
- (v) Ferozpur Cantt.
- (vi) Ferozpur city
- (vii) Jallalabad
- (viii) Beas.

An outlay of Rs. 28.22 lakhs has been provided for these stations during 1990-91.

**Newsprint Plant in Punjab**

2111. SHRI KIRPAL SINGH:  
SHRI PHOOL CHAND  
VERMA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the news item captioned "newsprint plant in Punjab to go on stream soon", appearing in the "Indian Express" of July 21, 1990;

(b) if so, by when the work of newsprint plant is likely to start;

(c) the reasons for delay in the work and for the cost of project going up;

(d) whether people of the border state would be given employment there;

(e) if so, the number of youths with technical and other qualifications likely to be recruited for this plant; and

(f) the number of skilled and unskilled labourers that would be recruited in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The Punjab Agro-Industries Corporation Ltd., has reported that work on the project has already started. Delay was on account of acquisition of land and obtaining environmental and pollution clearances. The reasons for increase in project cost are stated as general escalation in prices of inputs and depreciation in the value of Rupee.

(d) to (f). About 400 persons with tech-