

of Kangra district in Punjab equal to the hill allowance of Simla Postal employees prior to the year 1955;

(b) whether it has been reduced since 1955; and

(c) if so, the reasons of its reduction?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Humayun Kabir): (a) No.

(b) No.

(c) The question does not arise.

Passenger Amenities at Nadiad

1169. Shri Fatehsinh Ghodasar: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a total absence of passenger Sheds, sanitary conveniences, benches and waiting rooms on the narrow gauge station at Nadiad on the Western Railway; and

(b) if so, when these amenities will be provided?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) No, Sir. The following amenities already exist on the Nadiad Narrow Gauge station:-

- (1) One waiting shed 50' x 25'
- (2) One water tap on the platform;
- (3) Two benches in the waiting shed and 3 on the Narrow Gauge platform

(b) In addition, the following facilities have been programmed during 1957-58:—

- (1) One additional booking office for Narrow Gauge;
- (2) One covered passage from Broad Gauge to Narrow Gauge.
- (3) Two drinking water fountains;
- (4) Four urinals flush type on Narrow Gauge platform.

A covered shed on passenger platform is programmed for 1958-59.

Disciplinary Cases on Railways

1170. Shri S. M. Banerjee: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether there is a proposal to have one more Tribunal to review the cases of those Railway employees who have been dismissed on disciplinary grounds?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): No, Sir.

Development of Communications

1171. Shri Morarka: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) how much of the total amount allotted under the Second Five Year Plan for Communications is for improving the existing means of communications and how much for developing new ones;

(b) how much of the amount allotted had already been spent in improving the existing lines of communication; and

(c) what are the plans for the current year?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Humayun Kabir): (a) The improvement of the existing Post, Telegraph and Telephone services is interlinked with the expansion of these services and cannot be isolated from the developmental activities. The total provision in the Second Plan for the P. & T Department is Rs 63 crores

(b) Rs. 9 52 crores during 1956-57.

(c) The average target per year is:—

- (i) Additional Post Offices 4,000
- (ii) Additional Telegraph Offices 280
- (iii) Additional Long distance Public Call Offices 240
- (iv) Additional Telephones 36,000.

The schemes taken up this year are expected to meet those targets. To the extent equipments and materials