

propose to examine the feasibility of starting two train services over this portion?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) to (c). The matter has been examined but there is no traffic justification for introducing any additional train between Suratgarh and Anupgarh stations.

N.E.S. and Community Development Blocks in Bombay

880. Shri Pangarkar: Will the Minister of Community Development be pleased to state:

(a) the number of National Extension Service and Community Development Blocks opened in the five districts of Marathwada merged in Bombay State after reorganisation;

(b) the number of such blocks proposed to be opened under the Second Five Year Plan;

(c) the items for which expenditure is borne by the State Government in these Extension Service and Development Blocks; and

(d) the total amount spent so far by the Government of India on these blocks in Marathwada?

The Minister of Community Development (Shri S. K. Dey): (a) Blocks opened so far:—

N.E.S. Blocks	..	12
C.D. Blocks (by conversion from N.E.S.)	..	4
C.D. Blocks which have entered post-intensive phase	..	2
(b) N.E.S. Blocks	..	67
C.D. Blocks (by conversion from N.E.S.)	..	35

(c) In self-financing schemes like Irrigation, Reclamation, Housing etc., Centre provides loan repayable with interest in 12 equated annual instalments. In schemes other than self-financing, the States bear 50 per cent. of recurring and 25 per cent. of non-recurring expenditure.

(d) Total, Expenditure including State's share on these Blocks from inception upto, May, 1957 is as under:—

C.D. Blocks	Rs. 44,65,326
N.E.S. Blocks	Rs. 11,65,833
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	Rs. 56,31,159

Recruitment for Signal Operation

881. Shri Dharmalingam: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of candidates recruited for signals operation in the Southern Railway in 1956;

(b) the number of Schedule Castes candidates among them;

(c) whether any reserved posts for the Scheduled Castes were offered to others on the ground that some of the candidates from Scheduled Castes were not found up to the standard; and

(d) if so, their number during the same period?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) 621.

(b) 114.

(c) No.

(d) Does not arise.

New Railway Station

882. Shri Nanjappa: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the progress so far made in connection with the opening of a new Railway Station at Irugur in Southern Railway in Jalarpet-Mangalore Section (Broad Gauge) between Sular and Singanallur Railway Stations?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): The proposal for providing a Train Halt at Irugur, between Sular and Singanallur Railway Stations on the Southern Railway, has been investigated and found to be financially not justified.

However, it has been decided to provide a Contractor-operated Halt at this place as an amenity to passen-

gers, and the General Manager, Southern Railway is being asked to take the necessary further action in the matter.

Passenger Amenities

883. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state what passenger amenities have been provided at the stations on the Kalka-Simla Branch line of Northern Railway during the First Five Year Plan?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): The following passenger amenities have been provided at stations mentioned below:—

KALKA:

- (i) Benches on platform No. 1 and a water cooler.
- (ii) Improvement in water supply.

SOLAN:

Provision of electric lights.

Passenger Amenities

884. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state what passenger amenities have been provided at the stations on the Jullundur-Hoshiarpur Branch line of Northern Railway during the First Five Year Plan?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): The following passenger amenity works have been executed at the stations on Jullundur-Hoshiarpur Branch line during the First Five Year Plan:

Jullundur Cantt:

1. Two Units class I vendors shop.
2. Provision of sanitary fittings in bath rooms attached to waiting rooms.

Passenger Amenities

885. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state what passenger amenities have been provided at the stations on the

Jullundur-Mukerian-Pathankot line of Northern Railway during the First Five Year Plan?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): The following passenger amenities have been provided at different stations on Jullundur-Mukerian-Pathankot Section during the First Five Year Plan:

Jullundur City:

- (i) Better type of flooring in III Class Waiting Hall and in II Class Waiting Room.
- (ii) Removal of the Cycle Stand from the main entrance of the Station.
- (iii) An improved concourse and a portico.
- (iv) Improved lighting on passenger platform by providing mercury vapour lamps.

Tanda Urmur:

Provision of a Class III Vendor's shop.

Dasuya:

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Uchi Bassi.

Provision of a pucca station building in place the old one.

Indian Delegation to China

886. Shri S. C. Samanta: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) which of the recommendations made by the Indian Delegation to China on Agricultural Planning and Technique, have been implemented by the Government of India;

(b) whether any improved seeds and plant materials of China will be imported for trial and breeding; and

(c) if so, what are those seeds and plant materials?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) A statement giving the required information