

(b) Yes.

(c) 16 per cent. during March, 1962 (upto 20th) as compared to March, 1961.

Passenger Sheds on Western Railway

449. Shri Yajnik: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of stations on the Western Railway that are not provided with passenger sheds;

(b) the number of passenger sheds to be built on that Railway during the ensuing year; and

(c) the amount of funds sanctioned for the purpose?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): It is presumed that the Hon'ble Member is referring to passenger shelters on platforms and not to III class waiting sheds, which are provided at almost all stations. The information relating to passenger shelters on platforms is as follows:

(a) 1097 Stations.

(b) 15 stations.

(c) Approximately Rs. 5 lakhs with an outlay of Rs. 3.38 lakhs in 1962-63.

Linking of Pasighat Murkong Selek

450. Shri D. Ering: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to link up the NEFA area at Pasighat with Murkong Selek (Jonai-Upper Assam); and

(b) if so, when the work is going to be started?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

Hydro-Electric Power Project at Sile River (NEFA)

451. Shri D. Ering: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a scheme for hydro-electric power generation at the Sile river near Pasighat of Siang frontier of NEFA; and

(b) if so, when the work is going to be started?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b). There was a proposal for establishment of a small hydro-electric scheme at Sile River near Pasighat. The scheme, on investigation, was not found technically feasible, and was, therefore, dropped.

Winter Uniforms for Delhi Telegraph Department Staff

452. Shri S. M. Banerjee: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether winter uniforms were duly supplied to the staff of the General Manager, Delhi Telegraph Department in 1961-62; and

(b) if not, the reasons for the delay?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Dr. P. Subbarayan): (a) Part supply has already been made to the concerned staff and supply to the remaining officials is nearing completion.

(b) The delay was due to non-receipt of cloth from the supplying mills in item, necessitating local purchase.

P. & T. Unions

453. Shri S. M. Banerjee: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether monthly meetings with the P. & T. Unions have not yet started;