

Kaharakul in between the Railway stations of Haladipada and Balasore, South Eastern Railway line is under consideration of Government since long;

(b) if so, whether the preliminary investigations of the project have been made; and

(c) at what stage the matter now stands?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) to (c). The proposal for providing a Railway station at Kaharakul between Haldipada and Balasore stations was examined but not agreed to for want of adequate justification.

Passenger Sheds on S.E. Railway

2238. { **Shri Jena:**
 { **Shri Mallick:**

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the passenger sheds at many Railway stations of the South Eastern Railway which are heavy rain-fall areas cannot provide proper shelter to the passengers due to their narrowness in size;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to remodel those sheds by widening them;

(c) the names of Railway stations that do not have passenger sheds and Third Class waiting rooms at present on the South Eastern Railway, district-wise; and

(d) the approximate date by which such kind of basic amenities of the passengers are expected to be provided?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) Yes, Sir, about 137 stations on the S.E. Railway have been provided with non-standard type of platform shelters which do not afford

the same cover as standard types, on account of acute shortage of steel at that time and having regard to the need to provide some shelter as quickly as possible.

(b) Improvements as considered necessary are being made on a programmed basis subject to availability of funds.

(c) III Class waiting halls of sizes to cater for the traffic dealt with at the stations are provided at all stations. A list showing the names of stations without passenger sheds (Platform shelters) is given in the statement laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 60].

(d) Platform shelters are not included among the basic amenities as waiting halls are provided for waiting passengers. Subject to availability of funds such shelters will be provided on a programmed basis at all important stations. It is not feasible to lay down a target date for this purpose, as funds and material resources are very limited.

Primary Schools in Bhadrak, S.E. Railway

2239. **Shri Jena:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are primary schools in the Railway Colony, Bhadrak, South Eastern Railway for education of the children of Railway employees; and

(b) what languages are taught in each school there?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) Yes, Sir. There are two Railway Single Teacher Primary Schools and one Privately managed Primary School in the Railway Colony at Bhadrak.

(b) The two Single Teacher Primary Schools impart instruction through Bengali and Telugu and the Privately managed Primary School through Oriya.