The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Kaj Bahadur): (a) and (b). No, Sir. Model studies, surveys and investigations in connection with the development of an all-weather port at Paradip are still in progress.

Passenger Trains on Panipat-Jind and Narwana-Kurukshetra Lines

*163. Shri Mool Chand: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether representations have been received from the public about the inadequacy of the numbers of passenger trains on Panipat-Jind and Narwana-Kurukshetra lines; and

(b) if so, what motion has been taken on these representations which are based on genuine need of the Ilaqa?

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

(b) There is no Traffic justification for the introduction of any additional Trains on these sections.

बीक नेर रेलवे डिविजन में रेल के डिब्बे

*१६४ घी प० ला० बारूपाल : क्या रेलबे मंत्री यह बताने को क्रुपा करेंगे कि :

(क) उत्तर रेलवे के बीकानेर डिवीजन गर प्रथम भौर हितीय श्रेणी के चार पहिये वाले कितने डिब्बे है :

(ख) क्या ये डिव्बे डाक ग्रौर सवारी गाड़ियों में जोड़े जाते हैं; ग्रौर

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि उन के हल्के होने के कारण यात्रियों को बार बार धक्के लगने से बड़ी परेशानी क्षेती है ?

रेलवे उपमंत्री (मी शाह नवाज सां) : (क) ३६।

(ख) इन में से कुछ डिक्मे सवारी गाड़ियों में लगाये जाते हैं, लेकिन ये डिक्मे डाक या एक्सप्रैम गाड़ियों नहीं लगाये जाते। (ग) मुमकिन है कि इन डिक्वों में सफर करने वाले मुसाफिरों की उतना झाराम न मिलता हो जितना झठपंहिये डिक्वों में मिसता है।

Industrial Estates

*165. Shri Thimalah: Will the Minister of Community Development be pleased to state the approximate amount to be spent for each of the twenty small Industrial Estates proposed to be set up at Community Development Block Head-quarters?

The Minister of Community Development (Shri S. K. Dey): Rs. 2 to 5 lakhs (approximately).

Public Call Offices

*166. Shri Jhulan Sinha: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the difficulties and handicaps experienced by customers at the Public Call Offices opened at sub-divisional Headquarters on account of the part time attendants dealing with calls as also on account of the telegraph clerks attending to them in addition to their own duties; and

(b) whether it is a fact that revenue from these Public Call Offices has already begun to decline because of the above-mentioned reasons?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Yes, Government is aware of the difficulties experienced by the customers at some of the Public Call Offices. But it has not been possible to provide full time attendants and additional clerks due to the enormous cost to which the Department will be put to. However, the position in respect of each and every Public Call Office is kept under constant review and the duty hours of the attendants are extended whereever justified.