TELEPHONES IN MADHYA BHARAT

*132. Shri Damar: Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state the number of towns in Madhya Bharat where telephone offices are to be opened in the year 1955?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): About Six.

DAIRY RESEARCH INSTITUTE, KARNAL

•133. Shri V. Missir: Shri Heda:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to establish a National Dairy Research Institute at Karnal (East Punjab);
- (b) if so, whether any decision has been taken in this regard;
- (c) whether the land and buildings necessary for the purpose have been acquired;
- (d) the estimated recurring and non-recurring expenses in respect thereof; and
 - (e) when it will be established?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) Yes.

- (b) The proposal is under consideration.
 - (c) to (e). Do not arise.

QUARTERS FOR RAILWAY STAFF

- *134. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:
- (a) the total number of Class III and Class IV employees on the Northern Railway who have not been provided with residential quarters upto the 31st December, 1954; and
- (b) the steps taken by Government to provide them with quarters?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) 77,600.

(b) The Railway policy is to provide quarters for essential staff who are likely to be called out for duty at any time and for staff at stations where there is a serious shortage of private accommodation. For this purpose Rs. 80 lacs were provided for construction of quarters on the Northern Railway during 1953-54 and 1,20 lacs during 1954-55 and a crore during 1955-56. The position will therefore continue to ease as more and more quarters are built.

PONDICHERRY PORT

- *135. Shri Madhao Reddi: Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:
- (a) whether any representation for the improvement of Pondicherry Port has been received from the people of Pondicherry:
- (b) if so, the main proposals for the improvement contained therein; and
- (c) the action taken or proposed to be taken in the matter?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) Yes. A representation on the subject has been received through the Chief Commissioner, Pondicherry, a few days ago.

(b) and (c). Government have not yet had time to study the representation, which suggests the construction of two new piers with a quay in between.

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF HEALTH

*136. Th. Jugal Kishore Sinha: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to lay on the Table of the House a statement showing the work done so far by the Central Council of Health?

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur): A statement showing the resolutions passed at the meetings of the Central Council of Health in 1953 and 1954 and the action taken on them is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [Placed in Library. See No. S—36/55]. The resolutions passed