

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Bhagavati):** (a) Yes.

(b) More telephones will be provided on receipt of necessary stores which are present in short supply.

**Halt Station Near Model Town, Ambala**

**1538. Shri Chuni Lal:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a long standing demand for a halt station near Model Town, Ambala, and

(b) if so, what decision has been taken by Government in this regard?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri E. V. Ramaswamy):** (a) Yes.

(b) The proposal has been examined and not accepted for want of adequate justification.

**Retiring Rooms at Ambala Cantt. Railway Station**

**1539. Shri Chuni Lal:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the great inconvenience experienced by the travelling public for want of retiring rooms at Ambala Cantonment Railway Station; and

(b) the steps Government have taken or propose to take in the matter?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is proposed to provide a retiring room during 1963-64.

**Arrears Outstanding Against Licensed Caterers**

**1540. Shri Chuni Lal:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount outstanding against the licence holding caterers of Railway Stations which is outstanding for more than five years, stating the amounts separately; and

(b) the steps taken so far for the recovery of the same?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):** (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

**Community Development Blocks in Andamans**

1541. { Shri Subodh Hansda:  
Shri S. C. Samanta:  
Shri B. K. Das:  
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:

Will the Minister of Community Development, Panchayati Raj and Co-operation be pleased to state:

(a) whether any progress report of the Community Development Blocks in Andaman and Nicobar Islands has been prepared;

(b) if not, whether such report will be prepared and presented in Parliament; and

(c) when such report can be expected?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Community Development, Panchayati Raj and Co-operation (Shri Shyam Dhar Misra):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). A brief progress report on the working of Community Development Blocks in Andaman and Nicobar Islands upto 31st March, 1962 is laid on the table of the house. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-360/62].

**S. E. Railway Office Premises in Calcutta**

**1542. Shri Indrajit Gupta:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) how many rented houses are used as Office premises in Calcutta by the South Eastern Railway;

(b) whether it is a fact that the total rent paid on this account comes to about Rs. 25,000 per month; and