

mum possible. The present inadequacy of the existing rail transport capacity *vis-à-vis* the demand of traffic is, however, not due to shortage of wagons alone but also to inadequacy of line capacity. Movement of traffic from Calcutta area to the South which, of late has been more or less current, is limited due to the limited line and junction capacity of the Bezwada-Madras section.

### महंगाई भत्ता

७६२. श्री के० सी० सोबिया : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) एक हजार रुपये से अधिक वेतन पाने वाले रेलवे कर्मचारियों का महंगाई भत्ता बन्द करने का कुल कितने पदाधिकारियों पर प्रभाव पड़ा है ; और

(ख) इस से कुल कितनी बचत होगी ?

रेलवे तथा परिवहन उपमंत्रि (श्री अल्लगेशन) : (क) ३६५ ।

(ख) लगभग ४.७ लाख रुपये सालाना

### Phonogram System

793. Shri B. N. Misra : Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state :

(a) the names of places in the State of Madhya Pradesh where the phonogram system is working and where Government propose to start the said system during the current financial year;

(b) when Government propose to complete the phonogram system at Khan Khambaria in Drug district; and

(c) whether the said system is to be introduced at Bilaigarh in Raipur district and, if so, when?

The Deputy Minister of Communications ( Shri Raj Bahadur ) : (a) The phonogram Service is available to the public in the following places in Madhya Pradesh:—

Akola, Amraoti, Bilaspur, Chanda, Chhindwara, Dhamtari, Gadawara, Gondia, Hunganghat, Jabalpur, Katni, Khandwa, Kamptee Nagpur, Pachmarhi, Piparia

Pulgaon, Parasia, Raipur, Saugor City, Wardhaganj, Yeotmal.

Proposed : Burhanpur.

(b) and (c). The question will be examined when a telephone exchange is opened in Khambaria/Raipur.

### Railway Catering

794. Shri B. N. Mishra : Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the month of May 1955 applications were invited for contracts for tea and meals stalls at some of the stations in South Eastern Railway;

(b) if so, the number of stations, and the terms and conditions of the contract;

(c) whether it is a fact that many persons are not running the contract themselves but have sublet them to others; and

(d) if so, what action is being taken in the matter?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport ( Shri Alagesan ) : (a) Yes.

(b) Applications were invited in respect of 37 stations, and a statement showing the terms and conditions of the contracts is attached. [See Appendix VI, annexure No. 38].

(c) and (d). Reports of sub-letting have been received in respect of a number of these stations, and the allegations contained therein are under special investigation.

### Nellore Railway Station

795. Shri Ramachandra Reddi : Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state :

(a) the sanctioned estimate for re-modelling Nellore Railway Station and its yard;

(b) how much has been spent so far; and

(c) when the work is expected to be completed?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport ( Shri Alagesan ) :

(a) Rs. 12,04,000/-.

(b) Rs. 5,04,000/-.

(c) Within a year.