

electrifying staff quarters and for providing fans in the Railway Station buildings. The work of providing fans in the station building and lights and fans in the staff quarters will be taken in hand after negotiations, which are in progress with Orissa Government for Power Supply at Kantabanji, are finalised. The detailed estimate for this work has, however, been sanctioned and the work will be taken up shortly.

#### Sleeping Accommodation in Trains

1910. { Shri A. K. Gopalan:  
Shri Vasudevan Nair:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the public have made any representation to Government for providing sleeping coaches in III class in the Madras-Mangalore Express trains; and

(b) if so, whether any steps have been taken to provide this amenity?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan.) (a) Yes.

(b) Sleeping accommodation in III Class has so far been provided only as an experimental measure and on a few selected trains.

The question of extension of this facility to more trains will be considered when the design of the sleeper coaches in finalised and coaches of the approved design are built and become available.

#### Telephone Connections in Andhra Pradesh

1911 { Shri Rangarao:  
Shri M. R. Krishna:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new telephone connections given in Andhra Pradesh during 1957 and 1958;

(b) the number of telephone connections proposed to be given in 1958-59 in Telengana area of Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) whether such facilities will be extended to Jagtial, Sircilla and other important commercial and Taluqa, Headquarters?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) 1956-57 1286.

1957-58 1441.

(b) 1298

(c) Yes.

#### Amritsar Railway Workshop

1912. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons selected to Class IV posts from the 1st January, 1957 to the 28th February, 1958 in Amritsar Railway Workshop

(b) the number of applications received for these vacancies during the same period; and

(c) the number of Scheduled Caste candidates selected among them?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) 454.

(b) 4190.

(c) 38.

#### Tourists' visit to Kulu

1913. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the number of tourists who visited Kulu Valley during 1957; and

(b) the names of the countries from which the foreigners who toured Kulu came and their number?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) 1703 tourists.