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be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Public Call Offices in Maharashtra at present (district-wise);
- (b) whether Government propose to increase their number during 1961-62 districtwise; and
- (c) if so, the names of places where these offices are to be provided?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Dr. P. Subbarayan): (a) to (c). The particulars are shown in the statement laid on the Table. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 92].

Electrification of Stations on E. Railway

- 714. Shri Pangarkar: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of Railway stations which have been electrified during the year 1960-61 on the Eastern Railway;
 and
- (b) the number of Tailway stations still pending to be electrified?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) 26 stations.

(b) Out of a total 509 stations on the Eastern Railway, 251 stations have been electrified upto the end of 31-7-61. Power is available at present only at 18 more stations on which electrification work is already in progress.

Railway Quarters on C. Railway

- 715. Shri Pangarkar: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of quarters constructed for Railway employees on the Central Railway during 1960-61; and
- (b) the number of quarters allotted during the period?

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

- 1960-61, 1452 Units of quarters for class III and class IV staff, 6 Barracks to house 482 RPF personnel and 26 Officers quarters were completed.
- (b) 1409 Units for class III and class IV, 6 Barracks for RPF and 26 Officers flats out of the above were allotted during the period.

Diva-Panvel-Uran Line

716. Shri Pangarkar: Shri Assar:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to the Unstarred Question No. 780 on 1st March, 1961 and state:

- (a) whether the estimate of Divapanvel-Uran line has since been sanctioned by the Railway Board; and
- (b) if so, when the construction work of the above line is likely to be undertaken?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) Yes.

(b) Preliminary arrangements for commencement of the construction are in hand, and actual construction will commence after the monsoon.

Haldia Port

717. Shri N. M. Deb: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state whether Kharagpore (West Bengal) town and the Railway Colony will be affected by the construction of Haldia Port?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): As the Haldia project has not yet been finalised and the question of the alignment of the rail link to Haldia has also not been decided so far, it is not possible to say what the effect of the construction of the Haldia Port will be on Kharagpore town and the Railway Colony.