

- (2) Uhl Stage II.—40 MW.
 (3) Upper Bari Doab.—22 MW.
 (4) Bhakra Right Bank.—280 MW.

Telephone—Connection in Mandi Giderbha, Punjab

850. **Shri A. M. Tariq:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of applications for telephone connections from merchants of Mandi Giderbha, District Ferozepore, Punjab are pending since long;

(b) if so, the number of applications and reasons for delay in giving connections;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the applicants have also deposited Rs. 300 each for the purpose; and

(d) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken for early installation of telephones?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Dr. P. Subbarayan): (a) and (b). There are only 5 applicants on the waiting list for telephone connections at Giderbha Telephone Exchange which serves this area.

Due to non-receipt of the stores required for line construction, the provision of these connections is held up.

(c) Only one applicant has deposited Rs. 290 for a telephone connection.

(d) Every effort is being made to obtain the stores as early as possible on receipt of which the telephone connections in question would be installed.

Railway Protection Force, Northern Railway

851. { **Sardar Iqbal Singh:**
Shri A. M. Tariq:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total strength of the railway protection force of the Northern Railway as on the 1st July, 1961 in each Division separately; and

(b) what is the total amount involved in maintaining the above Protection Force in each Division during 1959-60 and 1960-61?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 104].

Advertisement of Vacancies in Regional Languages by N. Railway

852. { **Sardar Iqbal Singh:**
Shri A. M. Tariq:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the vacancies of posts on the Northern Railway are being advertised in the regional languages of Punjab State's newspapers; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) and (b). Class III vacancies in the lower grades are required to be advertised in Indian language papers commonly read in the area where the vacancies exist. These instructions are being observed in respect of vacancies on the Northern Railway.

Ports in Orissa

853. **Shri Surendranath Dwivedy:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to develop Chandbali and Gopalpur Ports in Orissa during the Third Five Year Plan; and

(b) whether any investigation in regard to their capacities for trade has been made?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) The Central Government have agreed so far to schemes costing Rs. 99 lakhs for Paradip and Rs. 1 lakh for Gopalpur for inclusion in the Third Plan. The