

(c) The question of any additional help is for the State Government. The package Programme has no provision for any such assistance.

Telephone Connections in Amritsar

1394. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of **Transport and Communications** be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons who have applied for telephone connections in Amritsar (Punjab) so far since 1st January, 1961 to 30th June, 1961;

(b) the number of applications pending previous to this period;

(c) how many of them have been provided with the telephone connections; and

(d) by what time the remaining applicants will be provided with telephone connections?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Dr. P. Subbarayan): (a) 259.

(b) 1810.

(c) 70.

(d) 825 connections are likely to be provided by the end of March, 1962.

Schemes have been sanctioned for further expansion of the exchange on completion of which the entire waiting list will be wiped out.

P.C.O. at Bhuntar

1395. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of **Transport and Communications** be pleased to state:

(a) whether a representation has been received to open a Public Call Office at Bhuntar (Punjab) of Kulu Valley; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon and the time by which it will be opened?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Dr. P. Subbarayan):

(a) Yes.

(b) The proposal has been sanctioned and the work will be completed as soon as the required materials become available.

Appointment of S.C. on N. Railway

1396. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Scheduled Castes candidates to the proportion have not been appointed in the Northern Railway during 1961-62 so far; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken in this regard?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) Recruitment of Scheduled Castes during this period has not been below the percentage reserved for them.

(b) Does not arise.

Flag Station at Brahmpur on N. Railway

1397. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rs. 500 were deposited some years ago to open a flag station at Brahmpur between Nangal Dam and Bhanupli on the Rupar Nangal Dam Section on the Northern Railway; and

(b) if so, the reasons for the delay in not opening the flag station?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) Yes. The amount was deposited as a security by the contractor selected for operating the proposed halt at Brahmpur.

(b) The proposal to open the halt has not been proceeded with, as the State Government have not conveyed acceptance to their share of financial liability.

Warehouses in Punjab

1398. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of **Food and Agriculture** be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the places in Punjab where Central Warehouses: