(a) the total amount sanctioned for Maharashtra State during Second Five Year Plan for the construction and extension of P.&T. buildings; and

(b) the number and names of buildings constructed?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Dr. P. Subbarayan): (a) Rs. 2,42,25,000.

(b) Number of buildings constructed/extended. 37

Names of buildings are given in the statement laid on the Table. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 56].

P.&T. Offices in Maharashtra

470. Shri Pangarkar: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new Post and Telegraph offices proposed to be opened in Maharashtra during the Third Five Year Plan period; and

(b) the estimated expenditure to be incurred thereon?

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

(i) Post offices. 1,256

(ii) Telegraph Offices. 110

(b) (i) on opening of

post offices. Rs. 9.80 lakhs (ii) on opening of Tele-

graph Offices. Rs. 16.75 lakhs (approximately).

Development of Sakri Gali Ghat

480 Shrj T. B. Vittal Rao: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the amount sanctioned during the Third Five Year Plan for the development of Sakri Gali Ghat on Eastern Railway;

(b) the number of times when Ferry Ghats on Sakri Gali and Manihari were changed during 1958, 1959 and 1960; and (c) the amount spent thereon?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) Nil. There is no such proposal under consideration.

Written Answers

(b)	Year			Sakrigali No. of tir	Manihari n es
	1958			3	17
	1959	•		2	6
	1960	•		3	5
(c) Year					Manihari of Rupees)
	1958			2.07	8.55
	1959			1.32	6.00
	1960	•	·	1.02	5.18
TOTAL				4 · 39	19.73

Monthly and Quarterly Tickets for Local Travel

481. Shri Chuni Lal: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) how many single fares are charged from the purchasers of Monthly and Quarterly Tickets for local travel in the suburbs of Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta and Madras;

(b) whether there is any difference in the charges at the various stations; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) A statement is laid on the Table. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 57].

(b) and (c). Charges for season tickets are not based on single journey fares but are fixed with reference to the local conditions prevailing in the particular areas and the nature of services available there. On account of these historical consideration, the charges for season tickets in Bombay, Calcutta and Madras areas have been different all along and lower than the charges at Delhi and elsewhere.