

allottees of the Okhla Industrial Estate. Out of this an amount of Rs. 3.65 lakhs is due from the Government/Semi-Government concerns. Besides, the allottees have deposited an amount of Rs. 1.49 lacs as security with the Directorate of Industries, Delhi. After deducting these, the net arrears from private allottees come to Rs. 20.56 lacs.

(c) The Delhi Administration is taking necessary steps for recovery of arrears and the efforts have succeeded to some extent. The amount of recoveries stepped up from only Rs. 28,323/- in the quarter ending December, 1968 to Rs. 90,433/- in the following two months. Notices are being regularly issued and the defaulters are being charged penal interest @ 6% p. a. on the arrears of rent.

#### New Railway Lines in Andhra Pradesh

4250. SHRI GADILINGANA GOWD : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of proposals received for the opening of new Railway Lines in the State of Andhra Pradesh during the Fourth Five Year Plan;

(b) whether Government propose to undertake opening of new Railway Lines with a view to develop the State during the Fourth plan period; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH) : (a) to (c). Railway development is not envisaged on any state-wise or region-wise concepts, but on over-all development consideration in the national interest. However, as suggested by the Andhra Pradesh State Government, Engineering and Traffic Surveys for a new Broad Gauge line from Secunderabad to Nadikude and for the conversion of the Guntur-Macherla Metre Gauge section into Broad Gauge together with updating the earlier survey report for the Bhadrachalam Road-Kovvur rail link have been ordered and these are in progress. Decision regard-

ing the actual construction of these lines will be taken after the surveys are completed and the results thereof known.

#### New Railway Lines in Andhra Pradesh

4251. SHRI GADILINGANA GOWD : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of times surveys have been conducted for opening of new lines in the State of Andhra Pradesh from 1962 to 1968;

(b) the details thereof; and

(c) the expenditure incurred on each survey ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH) : (a) to (c). Information about railway matters is compiled railway-wise and not state-wise. Railway development is envisaged on over-all development consideration in the national interest and not on any state-wise or region-wise concepts. However, surveys for the following new lines falling wholly or partly in Andhra Pradesh have been carried out from 1962 to 1968 or are in progress. The estimated costs of the surveys are shown against each :-

1. Bhadrachalam Road to Kovvur-Feasibility-cost study carried out at an estimated cost of Rs. 99,478/-
2. Nadikude-Secunderabad (together with conversion of Guntur-Macherla Section)-Surveys sanctioned at a cost of Rs. 10.66 lakhs and are in progress.
3. Dantewara-Bhadrachalam Road--Final location and traffic surveys carried out at an estimated cost of Rs. 15.45 lakhs.
4. Sukma-Varaha/Polavaram- Preliminary Engineering and Traffic surveys carried out at an estimated cost of Rs. 11.27 lakhs.

5. Separate B. G. line from Guntakal to Dharmavaram (and conversion of Dharmavaram—Bangalore section from M. G. to B. G.)—Preliminary Engineering and Traffic Surveys sanctioned in November, 1968 at an estimated cost of Rs. 4.82 lakhs and are in progress.

to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chandigarh Railway Station is six miles away from the city;

(b) whether there is a proposal before Government to bring the station near the city, and whether there was such a proposal at some stage; and

(c) if so, at what stage of consideration the proposal is lying at present and when it is likely to materialise ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH) : (a) Yes.

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise.

**Extension to Class I Officers in the Ministry of Industrial Development, Internal Trade and Company Affairs**

4252. SHRI K. LAKKAPPA :  
SHRI A. SREEDHARAN :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of cases in which extension or reappointment has been given to Class I Officers in his Ministry who were going to be retired at the age of 58 during the year 1968;

(b) the names of those officers; and

(c) the reasons for giving them extension or reappointment ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS ( SHRI F. A. AHMED ) : (a) One.

(b) Shri B. L. Srivastava.

(c) Shri B. L. Srivastava, Chief Librarian, was due to superannuate on the 25th July, 1968. He was granted an extension of service for a period of three months from the 25th July 1968 or till the U. P. S. C. nominee joined whichever was earlier. The UPSC nominee reported for duty on the 31st August 1968 and Shri Srivastava relinquished charge from the same day forenoon.

**Shifting of Chandigarh Railway Station**

4253. SHRI SHRI CHAND GOYAL :  
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased

**चंडीगढ़ रेलवे स्टेशन**

4254. श्री श्रीचन्द्र गोयल : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) चंडीगढ़ रेलवे स्टेशन कब बना था और तब चंडीगढ़ की जनसंख्या कितनी थी ;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि तत्कालीन आबादी तथा उपलब्ध यातायात की आवश्यकताएं पूरी करने के लिये उस समय यह स्टेशन बनाया गया था ;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि अब भी उतने ही कर्मचारी कार्य कर रहे हैं जबकि वहां की जनसंख्या 15 गुनी हो गई है ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

रेलवे मंत्री (डा० राम सुभग सिंह) :  
(क) चंडीगढ़ रेलवे स्टेशन 1954 में बनाया गया था जब चंडीगढ़ की जनसंख्या 38400 थी।

(ख) जी, हां।

(ग) जी, नहीं। 1954 में 27 कर्मचारी थे जबकि इस समय इनकी संख्या 61 है।