

Calcutta, Aligarh, Madras and Trivandrum.

(b) Two (Hindi and English). The posters were produced with captions in Hindi and English with sufficient blank space at the bottom of each poster for insertion of captions in local languages.

WIRELESS LICENCES

263. Shri Krishnacharya Joshi: Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of wireless transmitter licences granted by the Wireless Planning and Co-ordination Organisation during 1955; and

(b) the total amount of fees collected during the same period on this account?

The Minister in the Ministry of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) 2738 wireless transmitter licenses.

(b) Licences fees	Rs. 40,670
Royalty	Rs. 15,020

तार घर

२६४. श्री भक्त दर्शन क्या : संचार मंत्री २० दिसम्बर, १९५४ को दिये गये तारांकित प्रश्न संख्या १३७० के उत्तर के सम्बन्ध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) ५ हजार या उससे अधिक जन संख्या वाले दो हजार नगरों में तार घर स्थापित करने की योजना के अधीन अभी तक कितने तार घर खोले गये हैं, और

(ख) शेष स्थानों में तार घर खोलने के लिये क्या विशेष कार्यवाही की गई है ? और इसमें अधिक से अधिक कितना समय लगने की सम्भावना है ?

संचार मंत्रालय में मंत्री (श्री राज बहादुर):

(क) पिछली प्राप्त हुई सूचनाओं के अनुसार ५,००० से अधिक जन संख्या वाले स्थानों की संख्या लगभग २,८५० है ; इनमें से इस समय १,३०० स्थानों में तार सुविधायें उपलब्ध हैं ।

(ख) ऐसे स्थानों में २२४ नये तार घरों के लिये मञ्जूरी दी जा चुकी है । द्वितीय आयोजना के अन्तर्गत ऐसे स्थानों में कुल ४०० तार घरों के खोले जाने की संभावना है ।

SHORTAGE OF WAGONS

265. Shri Bibhuti Mishra: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that wagons are not being regularly supplied at different-out stations of Sidhwalia and Harkhua Sugar Mills during 1955-56 Season in North Eastern Railway;

(b) if so, the reason thereof; and

(c) whether Government have taken any steps to remove the above said difficulties?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) Yes, the wagon supply to these factories has been irregular on certain days.

(b) With the limited availability of locomotives of the type that can be used on this section, it was not feasible to run more than one goods train a day. Occasionally, due to heavy receipts of wagons loaded with goods traffic for this section from the other Railways, the goods train was not able to clear the full number of wagons for the sugarcane traffic.

(c) An additional locomotive has since been provided to permit of the running of a second goods train on alternate days. This is expected to meet the requirements suitably.

SHIPPING

266. Pandit D. N. Tiwary: Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) whether the orders for supply of new vessels (ships) placed with foreign shipyards by the Indian Shipping Companies during the First Five Year Plan period have been complied with; and

(b) if so, to what extent?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) and (b). During the First Five Year Plan period, Indian Shipping Companies placed orders abroad for the construction of 17 ships of a total tonnage of about 1,10,000 GRT. of

these, 5 ships of a total tonnage of about 33,500 GRT have already been delivered. 11 ships of a total tonnage of 69,500 GRT are expected to be delivered before the middle of 1957 and the remaining one ship of about 7,000 GRT is due for delivery in July 1958.

QUININE

267. { **Dr. Rama Rao:**
Shri Mohana Rao:

Will the Minister of **Health** be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity and estimated value of Quinine in the hands of Central and State Governments (bulk) as on 1st January, 1956;

(b) the quantity of Cinchona bark in the hands of Central and State Governments and the estimated quinine that can be extracted from it;

(c) programme of elimination of the present plantations;

(d) amount being spent annually on these plantations and the manufacturing units;

(e) whether Government have any plans to manufacture Synthetic anti-malarial drugs; and

(f) the estimated expenditure of a medium unit for this?

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur): (a) The total stocks of Quinine in the hands of the Central Government and State Governments of Madras and West Bengal, as on the 1st January, 1956, were 2,54,217 lbs. valued at Rs. 1,11,46,406.

(b) The total quantity of Cinchona bark in stock with the Central Government and State Governments of Madras and West Bengal, as on the 1st January, 1956, was 59,62,940 lbs. and the estimated quinine that can be extracted from it is 2,09,888 lbs.

(c) The Central Government's Quinine Plantation in West Bengal has already been wound up. It has been

decided that the Central Government's plantation in Madras will be terminated as early as possible, after harvesting the Government of India's share of the plants grown there. As regards the plantations of the Government of Madras and West Bengal, the question of elimination of the plantations is one for their own decision. It is understood that the West Bengal Government have stopped planting of Cinchona in new areas while the acreage under Cinchona cultivation at present is proposed to be reduced by 25 per cent within the next five years.

(d) The total expenditure incurred during 1954-55 on the plantations and manufacturing units was Rs. 43,16,961.

(e) There are no plans at present for Government, themselves manufacturing these synthetics, but during the Second Five Year Plan, the target for production has been fixed at 50,000 kgs.

(f) Does not arise.

LEASE OF RAILWAY LAND

268. **Shri S. C. Samanta:** Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

(a) whether any side-lands at ICHHAPURAM Railway Station in S. E. Railway were leased out to salt manufacturers of Sumadi Salt Factory for stocking salt for transport;

(b) if so, when;

(c) whether any temporary structure has been built by the salt manufacturers to protect the stock from rains; and

(d) whether the existing godown at the station is fit for stocking salt for transport?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) From 10-8-52.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Adequate accommodation does not exist in the Goodshed for stocking outward consignment of salt.