

was injured. Through communication was restored 15.40 hours the same day.

(c) The approximate cost of damage to the Railway property has been assessed at Rs. 600 only.

**Telephone Connections**

2437. **Shri Subman Ghose:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that yearly rent of telephones to be installed was taken in October, 1958 from the applicants from Burdwan town (West Bengal);

(b) if so, the number of such subscribers; and

(c) the reasons for delay in giving the connections?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Yes.

(b) 36.

(c) Shortage of essential stores.

**Mobile Post Offices**

2438. **Shri Koratkar:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to extend the facilities of Urban Mobile Post Offices to some more cities during 1959; and

(d) if so, how many such Post Offices will be introduced?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

**Facility for Hindi Telegrams in Post Offices**

2439. **Shri Koratkar:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of telegraph offices in the country where facilities

have been provided for Hindi Telegrams so far;

(b) whether Government propose to introduce this facility in more Telegraph Offices; and

(c) if so, how many Telegraph Offices will be covered during 1959?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) 1,394.

(b) Yes.

(c) About 200.

**B.C.G. Vaccine Laboratory, Guindy, Madras**

2440. **Shri Koratkar:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) the daily capacity of production of B.C.G., Vaccine Laboratory at Guindy in Madras; and

(b) the total quantity of Tuberculin supplied by India to South Eastern countries during 1958?

The Minister of Health (Shri Kar-markar): (a) After a week's processing, B.C.G. Vaccine is produced once a week in the B.C.G. Vaccine Laboratory, Guindy, Madras. Tuberculin is made out of a stock solution according to requirements once a week or fortnight. 50,000 ccs. of B.C.G. Vaccine and 85,850 ccs. of Tuberculin are produced weekly.

(b) 2,15,100 ccs. of Tuberculin were supplied by the B.C.G. Vaccine Laboratory, Guindy, to South Eastern countries, during 1958.

**Purchase of Ships**

2441. **Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether the negotiations between the Industrial Investment and Finance Corporation and certain Indian shipping firms regarding purchase of second hand ships have been concluded; and