

rupees two crores for the supply of modern equipment for Calcutta Port has been placed with foreign countries?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): The value of the equipment for which the Commissioners for the Port of Calcutta have placed orders abroad is Rs 38 20 lakhs.

#### Hindi Telegrams

\*743. { Shri S. V. Ramaswami:  
Shri K. B. Malvia:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state

(a) what is the percentage of telegraphic traffic in Hindi at present to the total telegraphic traffic,

(b) whether arrangements have been made for the transmission of telegrams in Hindi in all the principal telegraph offices in the country;

(c) whether separate staff has been posted for this purpose, and

(d) if so, what is the extra expenditure on this account?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) About 0.2 per cent

(b) Yes, except in Assam, Andhra, Kerala, Madras, and Orissa States

(c) Specially trained staff is provided for handling Hindi Telegrams at all stages

(d) No extra expenditure is incurred except that in training the officials.

#### Report of the Chaudhuri Committee

\*744. Shri Tangamani: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state

(a) whether Government will publish the Report of the Officer on

Special Duty regarding the pay scales and allowances of labourers in major ports;

(b) whether the members of the Madras Dock Labour Board were supplied with copies of the Report; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) The Report will be published after decisions have been taken on the recommendations contained therein

(b) Copies of the Report have been furnished to the Madras Dock Labour Board

(c) Does not arise

#### Bombay-Ahmedabad Janata Express Accident

\*745. { Shri Vajpayee:  
Shri Assar.  
Shri Raghunath Singh  
Pandit K. C. Sharma:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bombay-Ahmedabad Janata Express met with an accident near Baroda Station on the 6th February, 1958, and

(b) if so, whether an inquiry has been made into the causes of the accident?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) At about 03 22 hours on 6-2-1958, while No 7 Dn Bombay-Ahmedabad Janata Express was entering the Down main line of Baroda Station of the Western Railway, its engine side-collided with another engine standing on the cross-over points, connecting the Down main line with the Down loop line. As a result, the engine and the next three coaches of the Janata Express derailed