

services, radio telephone service is available in all to 121 foreign points.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-634/67].

(c) The Telecommunication Research Centre of the P. & T. Department is developing equipment suitable for communication with mobile vehicles. The development is in a fairly advanced stage. The manufacture of the equipment is expected to start in about two years time from now.

#### Missionaries in Goa

2322. Shri Shinkre: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) the number of foreign Christian missionaries working in Goa;

(b) the nature and character of their activities; and

(c) whether there has been substantial increase in their number after the independence of Goa?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Vidya Charan Shukla): (a) The number of registered foreign Christian missionaries working in Goa as on the 1st January, 1967 was 38.

(b) The main activities on which they are engaged are medical, education, social, evangelical.

(c) No, Sir; the number has in fact decreased.

#### Post Offices in Goa, Daman and Diu

2323. Shri Shinkre: Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of post offices at present in the Union Territory of Goa, Daman and Diu and the number of those having the saving banks facility;

(b) the number of new post offices proposed to be opened by Government

in Goa, Daman and Diu, during the next two years; and

(c) whether the new post offices are proposed to be provided with telephone and telegraph facilities?

The Minister of State in the Departments of Parliamentary Affairs and Communications (Shri I. K. Gujral): (a) There are 129 post offices in the Union Territory of Goa, Daman and Diu. Savings Bank facilities are available in 75 of these post offices.

(b) 21 Post Offices subject to removal of restrictions on the opening of new extra departmental branch post offices.

(c) Some of the proposed new Post Offices will be provided with telephone and telegraph facilities. Provision of these facilities is, however, dependent on the Post Offices being situated in "category stations" in accordance with the policy laid down by the department, otherwise the proposals should be remunerative or guaranteed against loss. "Category Stations" normally are:

- (i) for telephone facilities: sub-divisional and tehsil headquarters, places with over 5000 population, places with police stations under charge of an officer not lower in rank than a Sub-Inspector of Police and Block Headquarters.
- (ii) for public call offices: District and Sub-Divisional headquarters towns, places with population more than 20,000, tehsil and corresponding headquarters towns.

#### Stevedores in Calcutta

2324. Shri Indrajit Gupta: Will the Minister of Labour and Rehabilitation be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Regional Labour Commissioner (Central), Calcutta, has received representations on behalf of the clerical and supervisory staff working under various stevedores in the Calcutta docks;