

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

(b) if so, the result thereof?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b). Presumably the Hon'ble Member is referring to the Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India Ltd. The Scindia Steam Navigation Co Ltd., Bombay are understood to have finalised negotiations with this Corporation for obtaining a foreign exchange loan of £ 525,000 to meet part of the purchase price of two ships. No other shipping company is known to be having negotiations with the Corporation for such loans.

Family Planning

2442. Shri Ramkrishna Reddy: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware of the statement of Prof. Rock of Harvard University at a press conference that a cheap pill for birth control is available; and

(b) if so, whether such pills can be widely distributed to popularise birth control measures among poorer classes?

The Minister of Health (Shri Kar-markar): (a) No Sir. The information in respect of the pill with which Dr. Rock and Dr. Pincus are associated is however available in a printed paper circulated at the 6th International Conference on Planned Parenthood.

(b) The research on such pills is still being carried out and the question of its distribution does not arise at this stage.

Lift Irrigation in Punjab

2443. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the amount of allocations made so far under the Second

Five Year Plan to Punjab State for lift irrigation schemes in that State?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): The allocations made to Punjab so far under the Second Five Year Plan for lift irrigation schemes is as stated below:—

Year	Amount allocated.
	(Rs. in lakhs).
1956-57	87.07
1957-58	149.12
1958-59	102.00
1959-60	105.05
TOTAL	443.24

Warehouses in Punjab

2444. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the amount sanctioned for the establishment of the Central Warehouses in Punjab State during 1959-60?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): No specific amount has been earmarked for the year 1959-60 for the establishment of Central Warehouses in Punjab.

माल डिब्बे बनाने के लिये ठेके

२४४५. श्री जगदीश प्रबन्धी: क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) पिछले दो वर्षों में किन-किन गैर-सरकारी साधनों को माल डिब्बे तथा रेलवे का अन्य सामान बनाने के लिये एजुकेशनल ठेके दिये गये; और

(ख) प्रत्येक ठेके की प्रगति क्या थी और प्रत्येक के सम्बन्ध में अब तक क्या प्रगति हुई है?