TIONS (SHRI B. BHAGAVATI): (a) 157,676 as on 31-3-1963.

(b) No.

(c) The extra-departmental employees are not whole-time employees of the P. & T. Department. Such of them as are not employees of other Government Departments or State Governments or local bodies, are allowed to become members of the Service associations of the whole-time P. & T. employees, who enjoy all the rights and privileges available to service associations recognised by Government.

GLOBAL COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE SYSTEM

178. SHRI A. D. MANI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the answer given to Unstarred Question No. 370 in the Rajya Sabha on the 15th September, 1964 and state whether Government have since decided the question of participating in a Global Satellite System of Commercial Communications which is to be established in the not too distant future?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI B. BHAGAVATI): The question of participation in the Global Commercial Satellite Communications System is still under consideration. A detailed examination of the various aspects of the case is in progress at present, and will take some time.

खोये गये बीमे

१७६. **श्री राम सहाय** : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) १९६४-६५ में १ नवम्बर तक देश भर में कितने बीमे चोरी गये हैं और

(ख) उन बीमों के लिये विभाग द्वारा कितना मुआवजा दिया गया ?

†[LOST INSURED ARTICLES

179. SHRI RAM SAHAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of insured articles stolen during the year 1964-65 upto 1st November, all over the country; and

(b) the amount of compensation paid by the Department for those articles?]

संचार विभाग में उपमंत्री (श्री बी० भगवती) : (क) तथा (ख) श्रीमन्, यह जानकारी तुरन्त उपलब्ध नहीं है । आम तौर से विभाग की सालाना रिपोर्टों और आडिट रिपोर्ट में विचाराधीन वर्ष की अपेक्षित सूचना शामिल रहती है । सन् १९६४-६५ के लिए यह सूचना आम तौर से सितम्बर, १९६५ तक उपलब्ध हो जाएगी ।

†[THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI B. BHAGAVATI) (a) and (b) Sir, the information is not readily available. Usually the Department's annual reports and the audit report contain the required information for the year under report. The information for 1964-65 would usually be ready by September, 1965]

डाक-तार विभाग के वर्कशापों में माल के उत्पादन की लागत

१८०. **श्री राम सहाय** : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि डाक-तार विभाग के विभिन्न वर्कशापों में विभिन्न वस्तुओं की उत्पादन लागत भिन्न-भिन्न आती है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार कोई ऐसी व्यवस्था करने का विचार कर रही है जिससे जो माल जिस वर्कशाप में सब

†[ ] English translation.