

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): (a) and (b) The question of grant of transit facilities by India and Pakistan for the rail movement of civilian traffic (passengers, parcels and goods) passing from one area to another of the same country through the other country has been under the consideration of Government for some time but no final decision in the matter has so far been arrived at.

MORE FUNDS FOR ACQUISITION OF NEW TONNAGE

409. SHRI M. S. OBEROI: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Shipping Board has requested Government for more funds for the acquisition of new tonnage; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING IN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): (a) No such request has come after the III Plan target for gross acquisition was raised from 3,75,000 G.R.T. to 5,50,000 G.R.T.

(b) Does not arise

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OBITUARY REFERENCE

MR CHAIRMAN: Before we proceed to other items of business on the Order Paper, I have to inform Members with regret that one of our ex-Members, Shri J. H. Subbiah, passed away on December 15, 1962. He was a Member of this House from April 1952 to April 1954. He was a social worker and took keen interest in education and the uplift of the Scheduled Castes. I would request

the Members to rise in their seats and observe one minute's silence as a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased

(Hon. Members then stood in silence for one minute.)

I shall ask the Secretary to convey to the members of the bereaved family the sense of sorrow and sympathy of this House.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

COLOMBO CONFERENCE PROPOSALS AND RELATED PAPERS

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON): Sir, on behalf of Shri Jawaharlal Nehru, I beg to lay on the Table a copy each of the following papers:—

(i) Colombo Conference Proposals.

(ii) Clarifications given by the three visiting delegations of the Colombo Conference to the Government of India during their meetings in Delhi on 12th and 13th January, 1963.

[Placed in Library. See No. LT-656/63 for (i) and (ii)]

SHRI A. B. VAJPAYEE (Uttar Pradesh): Sir, according to press reports the Government of India had submitted a memorandum to the delegations of the Colombo Conference. May I know whether a copy of that memorandum will be placed on the Table of the Sabha?

SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON: I will have to find out.

PANDIT S. S. N. TANKHA (Uttar Pradesh): May I ask a question? According to the papers of today we