

in India and how much has come to the Government?

**SHRI RAJ BAHADUR:** Because the Indian Company is a rupee company, all foreign exchange earnings of the company are accounted for.

**SHRI N. SRI RAMA REDDY:** May I know if this is the only Indian tanker that has been commissioned? Are there any other Indian tankers which have been commissioned?

**SHRI RAJ BAHADUR:** Because the oil companies have got their own subsidiary companies plying tankers, naturally there was some reluctance on their part to displace their own tankers by our tankers. But we have come to an arrangement with them, and gradually we shall push in our tankers.

**SHRI BABUBHAI CHINAI:** Is it a fact that the Company has acquired another tanker recently and, if so, what price has been paid for that tanker and from what funds? Has Government given any loan to them?

**SHRI RAJ BAHADUR:** It has not yet acquired any other tanker, but it is proposing to do so. They have not asked for any loan from us.

**SHRI R. P. N. SINHA:** Is it a fact that the D.V.C. requested the West Bengal Government to take charge of the navigation canal some time back?

(Interruption)

**THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN:** Next question.

\*390. [The questioner (Shri Chandra Shekhar) was absent. For answer, vide col. 1977 infra.]

\*391. [The questioner (Shri V. M. Chordia) was absent. For answer, vide cols. 1978—80 infra.]

\*392 to \*394. [The questioner (Shri B. N. Bhargava) was absent. For answers, vide cols. 1980—84 infra.]

# MOBILE LIBRARIES ON SOUTHERN RAILWAY

\*395. **SHRI P. K. KUMARAN:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of mobile libraries provided for the staff on the Southern Railway; and

(b) what is the mileage covered and the number of persons so far served by these libraries?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY):** (a) Two, one for broad gauge and the other for metre gauge.

(b)	Distance covered (in kilo-metres)	No. of persons served
Broad Gauge library	711.58	180
Metre Gauge library	9,294.11	395

**SHRI P. K. KUMARAN:** May I know whether the books of this library were stored in a godown until very recently?

**SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY:** It is a mobile library, Madam. It was placed in a mobile van.

**SHRI R. S. KHANDEKAR:** May I know how many libraries are on the Central Railway?

**SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY:** On the Central Railway there is only one library.

**SHRI R. S. KHANDEKAR:** May I know the place, Madam?

(No reply)

**SHRI D. B. DESAI:** Is the Minister aware that the library on the Southern Railway—Metre Gauge section—is not travelling in the upper parts or the northern regions there?

SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY: I am not aware of it, Madam.

SHRI FARIDUL HAQ ANSARI: May I know whether these libraries run on trucks or on trains and, if so, how long they stop at a certain stoppage?

SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY: Madam, they are on rail coaches which have been converted for this purpose and they move from place to place. At each place they may stop for a day.

SHRI DAHYABHAI V. PATEL: On rail or on road?

SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY: On rail.

SHRI A. M. TARIQ: May I know from the hon. Minister whether there is any Library Committee on behalf of the employees of the Railway, and what is the procedure for selecting books and how they are selecting books and purchasing the books?

SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY: It is not such a big affair. It is only to cater to people who are in outlying places. The Divisional Superintendent consults people, and books are bought and books are donated also.

SHRI A. M. TARIQ: May I know whether for the employees of the Railway there is any committee which suggests the books, and what is the procedure for purchasing these books? How are they purchasing these books?

SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY: Generally, there is the Divisional Personnel Officer and the Welfare Officers are there. They discuss and then select.

SHRI N. SRI RAMA REDDY: May I know if any evaluation has been done with regard to the uses made of these libraries by the Railway personnel and whether the benefit accrued is commensurate with the expenditure incurred?

SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY: It has become increasingly popular.

PANDIT S. S. N. TANKHA: May I know whether the books are allowed to be lent out from these libraries or people only come and read them inside the van?

SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY: Lent out. If vans go out, they take about two weeks to go round. Books are issued and then collected again.

SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: May I know whether such mobile libraries are provided only by the Southern Railway or other Railways are thinking of providing such libraries?

SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY: All the Railways, except the Northern and South Eastern which are proposing to start now.

दिल्ली क्षेत्र में यमुना नदी को नियंत्रित करने की योजना

\*३६६. श्री नवार्वाह चौहान : क्या सिंचाई तथा विद्युत् मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि अमृतसर की भूमि-पुनरुत्पादन, सिंचाई और विद्युत् अनुसन्धान संस्था के निदेशक डा० एच० एन० उप्पल ने दिल्ली क्षेत्र में यमुना को नियंत्रित कर बाढ़ की रोकथाम के लिये एक योजना बनाई है ;

(ख) यदि उपरोक्त भाग (क) का उत्तर 'हां' हो, तो इस योजना की विशेष बातें क्या हैं और यह बाढ़ को रोकने में किस प्रकार प्रभावी होगी ; और

(ग) इस योजना के द्वारा कितनी भूमि का पुनरुत्पादन किया जायगा ?