

RAJYA SABHA

*Monday, the 13th March, 1961/the 22nd
Phalgun, 1882 (Saka)*

The House met at eleven of the clock, MR.
CHAIRMAN in the Chair.

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

CLOCK AT THE NEW DELHI RAILWAY STATION

•384. SHRI ABDUL RAHIM: Will the
Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any railway
■stations in the country other than New Delhi
where the numerals in the dial of the clocks on
the platforms have been changed into Hindi;
and

(b) whether Government propose to
change the numerals in the dial of the clock at
New Delhi Railway Station into the
international form of numerals?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY): <a> This
information is not readily available.

(b) The Hindi numerals in the dial of the
main clock at New Delhi Rail-way Station
have already been changed to the international
numerals.

SHRI ABDUL RAHIM: May I know, Sir,
since when these numerals have been
changed?

SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY: Sir, there was
a question in the other House in December,
1960. I think action was taken subsequently. It
must have been done a month or so ago.

SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: May I
know if these clocks on the platforms are
meant for ordinary .-people or for educated
people only? 1089 RS—1 .

SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY: For all
people, Sir.

SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: Then
why not have Hindi numerals? Ordinary
people understand Hindi numerals better than
English numerals.

SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY: He should not
forget, Sir, that there are foreigners also who
want to have a look at these clocks.

SHRI ABDUL RAHIM: Does the changing
of numerals in the clock at the platform come
under the amenities proposed for passengers?

(No reply.)

SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: How
many foreigners come there as compared to
Indians?

AN HON. MEMBER: Not all Indians know
Hindi.

SHRI B. K. P. SINHA: May I know, Sir, if
the policies and actions of Government of
India are conditioned by considerations for
foreigners or for the large mass of Indian
people?

SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY: That ia one of
the considerations, Sir.

SINKING OF INDIAN SHIPS

•385. SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM:
Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND
COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state the
number of Indian ships which sank during the
last one year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN TH*
MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND
COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR) :
During the year 1960 only one Indian ship
named s.s. "Savitri" was lost by sinking.

SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: May I
know whether this ship sank because of some
accident or because of some inner defect in it?