

committees how many women members are there? Out of the members of the Catering Committee (Item No. 7) there are 19 members—how many are women?

SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY: So far as the National Railway Users' Consultative Council is concerned, out of 18 MPs. there are three women Members of Parliament. Now, in the Zonal Railway Users' Consultative Committee for the total of 224 there are only two women members. So far as the Catering Committee is concerned, I do not have the exact number, but ladies are in the majority in that particular committee.

DR. SHRIMATI SEETA PARMA-NAND: Is Government aware that out of 300 or 400 members of these committees, hardly more than ten or twelve are women, barring the catering committee, which has 17. Barring that they number perhaps ten or twelve women.

SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY: I give the exact numbers. Out of 53 members in the National Railway Users' Consultative Council, only three are ladies. Out of 224 members of the Zonal Railway Users' Consultative Committees, there are only two ladies.

DR. SHRIMATI SEETA PARMA-NAND: Then, Sir, the population of women is half in the country. What is the reason for not giving representation to women on these small committees?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Those few are doing so much there.

IMPROVEMENT OF KATPADI JUNCTION

•558. SHRI P. S. RAJAGOPAL NAIDU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representations were made to the Minister and Deputy Minister of Railways during their recent visits to the Katpadi Junction for effecting improvement of the Katpadi Junction;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to carry out any improvements; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in the affirmative, when these improvements are likely to be carried out?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the current year, it is proposed to extend the III Class waiting hall and provide sanitary fittings in the Upper Class waiting room bathrooms. Provision of loud-speakers has been programmed in 1958-59. In regard to other matters, a statement is placed on the Table of the House.

(c) It is not possible at this stage to say as to by what time all the improvements suggested will be carried out, their execution depending upon the approval of the Users' Consultative Committee, the availability of funds and materials.

STATEMENT

Regarding the other suggestions, the position is as follows: —

(1) *Provision of covering over the platforms.*—Provision of suitable shelters over the platforms on either side of the station building has had to be held in abeyance pending improvement in the availability of structural steel.

(2) *Provision of retiring rooms.*— The proposal for building the retiring rooms will be placed for consideration at the next meeting of the Users' Amenities Committee for possible inclusion in the 1960-61 programme.

(3) *Provision of a fully furnished refreshment room.*—The Users' Amenities Committee will consider at their next meeting the proposal for improvement to the existing Vegetarian Refreshment Room for possible inclusion in the 1960-61 programme.

(4) *Flood lighting in the yard.*—The yard not being a marshalling yard, flood lighting is not essential. Adequate lighting facilities already exist in the yard and on the transshipment platform. Goods transshipment work is done during day time.

(5) *Increase in the strength of the licensed porters.*—The matter is under examination.

(6) *Separate waiting room for 1st Class passengers.*—The traffic at the station does not warrant this provision in addition to the existing two Upper Class waiting rooms, one for gents and the other for ladies.

H) *Extension of Platforms.*—The proposal is under investigation, as this involves major alterations in the yard.

ELECTRIFICATION OF MADRAS-ARAKONAM RAILWAY LINE

*559. SHRI P. S. RAJAGOPAL NAIDU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representations were made to the Minister and the Deputy Minister of Railways during their recent visit to Madras for the electrification of the Madras-Arakonam railway line; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposal is under investigation.

SHRI P. S. RAJAGOPAL NAIDU: May I know, Sir, whether there was a similar investigation before and if so what was the estimate?

SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY: There was a similar investigation. The estimate was somewhere about Rs. 9 crores. Now, the Southern Railway has been asked to re-examine the electrification of this section in detail

and submit proposals, with an estimate of costs.

SHRI P. S. RAJAGOPAL NAIDU: May I know what is the traffic density of both passenger as well as goods between Madras and Arakonam and how does it compare with Madras and Villupuram?

SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY: The traffic density between Madras and Arakonam, both passenger and goods, is roughly three times the traffic density between Madras and Villupuram.

SHRI P. S. RAJAGOPAL NAIDU: If the traffic density between Madras and Arakonam was three times, then why electrification was ordered between Madras and Villupuram first as against Madras and Arakonam?

SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY: It is more than I can say, but it has been accepted by the Planning Commission, though under the memorandum which has been submitted to Parliament in May they have recommended the postponement of the electrification of the Villupuram line also to the Third Five Year Plan.

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(ख) इंडियन टेलीफोन इंडस्ट्रीज (प्राइवेट) लिमिटेड के उत्पादों को विदेशों में निर्यात करने की क्या व्यवस्था की गई और उसका क्या परिणाम निकला ?