

try. With regard to that road there seem to be some washermen round about there.

SHRI KISHEN CHAND: I want the hon. Minister to make a note of it and enquire.

SHRI AMOLAKH CHAND: May I know, Sir, if the Prime Minister himself drew the attention of the hon. the Health Minister to do away with the dhobi *ghat* which is on Queen Victoria Road and on Edward Road?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: I understand, that the Prime Minister drew somebody else's attention, not mine.

श्री नवाब सिंह चौहान : क्या सरकार ने धोबियों की इस मांग पर, जो कि उन्होंने की है, कि उन्हें बावुघों और अफसरों के कपड़ों को साफ करने के लिये, उनको सुखाने के लिये उचित स्थान दिया जाये, गौर किया है ?

श्री डी० पी० करमरकर : उन्हें कुछ न कुछ जगह कहीं न कहीं मिल ही जाती है, इस काम के लिये ।

DH. SHRIMATI SEETA PARMA-NAND: Same is the case with North Avenue, at the back of the flats there. And would the hon. Minister kindly make an enquiry into it?

MR. CHAIRMAN: They will enquire into any complaint you bring to their notice.

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: I think North Avenue can well take care of this but, if they cannot, we shall look into the matter.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: May I know as to what steps did the hon. Minister take on knowing that the Prime Minister had drawn somebody else's attention to this question about Queen Victoria Road?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The question was: Has the Prime Minister drawn the attention of anyone to this matter? He said: Not mine.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: He did not say so. He only said, "somebody else's notice." What steps did he take about it then?

MR. CHAIRMAN: That will do.

COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO ENQUIRE INTO THE DEFECTIVE CONSTRUCTION OF THE 'ANDAMAN'

*486. SHRI B. SHIVA RAO: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the reply given to unstarred question No. 77 in the Rajya Sabha on 5th December, 1957 and state:

(a) what are the terms of reference of the committee appointed by Government to enquire into the defects in the construction of the 'Andaman' and* other ships in the Hindustan Shipyard (Private) Ltd., Visakhapatnam;

(b) whether any of the members of the Committee is connected with the Shipyard; if so, in what capacity; and

(c) what is the cost of correcting the defects in the construction of the 'Andaman'?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR):

(a) The terms of reference are:

(i) to investigate the circumstances leading to the defects noticed in the construction of 'Andaman' and two other vessels;

(ii) to locate responsibility therefor; and

(iii) to recommend measures to avoid a recurrence of such defects in future.

(b) Yes. Two of the Members, Shri T. M. Goculdas and Commodore Daya Shankar, are directors of the Company.

(c) No estimate can be given at this stage as the method of remedying the defect is under investigation.

SHRI B. SHIVA RAO: In reply to the original question answered on the 5th December to which this refers, it was stated that the committee consisted of experts. Am I to understand that the two directors whose names have just been mentioned can be described as experts in shipbuilding?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: Sir, as was already given out in reply to the previous question, the Chairman of the committee is Shri T. B. Bose, Chief Surveyor to the Government of India who is an expert, and I think he is the principal expert for this purpose.

SHRI B. K. P. SINHA: What is the total numerical strength of this committee?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: Three.

SHRI B. K. P. SINHA: Out of them only one is an expert?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: There is Commodore Daya Shankar who is a very senior Indian naval officer.

SHRI B. K. P. SINHA: But he is only one.

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: No, there is Shri T. B. Bose.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Shri T. B. Bose is the Chief Surveyor to the Government of India. Another gentleman is Commodore Daya Shankar. He is also related to the shipyard, and the third gentleman is Shri Goculdas. So there are two experts out of three, that is what the Minister says.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: May I know, Sir, whether these ships have been found unseaworthy?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: No, Sir, the 'Andaman' has been certified as seaworthy.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: May I know, Sir, what is the defect in the construction that has been noticed in them?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: Certain deficiencies in the dead weight tonnage capacity have been observed.

SHRI B. K. MUKERJEE: Could they not be detected by the experts connected with the concern? How are the defects noticed, now supposed to be rectified?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: Certain experiments were performed when the ship was about to be launched or was launched and as a result of that this defect was noticed, and temporarily the defect has been removed by putting some ballast, which has decreased the total dead weight tonnage of the ship.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You don't agree that they are supposed to be rectified.

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: I don't; they have been rectified so far as seaworthiness is concerned.

SHRI B. K. MUKERJEE: In the Committee they have got two experts connected with the concern. May I know, whether these experts now on the Committee had any chance to detect these defects before the ships were launched?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: Shri T. B. Bose is the Chief Surveyor to the Government of India in the Mercantile Marine Department. He has nothing to do with the shipyard in his capacity as Chief Surveyor. Commodore Daya Shankar who is an Indian naval officer is attached only as a director.

SHRI B. K. MUKERJEE: But they are the directors of the concern. Are not the directors required to see what the company is doing, what the officers are doing there?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: I can only say that the ship was made; it was put to certain experiments; some deficiency was found. And that is all.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: May I know whether these ships are in service now?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: Yes, it has been delivered. The 'Andaman' has been delivered on the 4th of December, 1957, to the Ministry of Home Affairs for which it was built, and so it can be said that they are going to use it. It has already performed its journey from Visakhapatnam to Calcutta and will be used by the Home Ministry later on.

◆487 to *489. [For answers, vide cols. 2977-81 infra.]

*490. [The questioner (Moulana M. Faruqi) was absent. For answer, vide cols. 2982-83 infra.]

**PURCHASE OF "ROSSIYA" AIRLINERS
MANUFACTURED BY U.S.S.R.**

*491. SHRI AMOLAKH CHAND: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state whether orders have been placed for the purchase of "Rossiya" airliners, manufactured by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics—new turbo-prop airlines TU-114; if so, for how many?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): No orders have been placed for such aircraft.

SHRI AMOLAKH CHAND: May I know, Sir, if the Government are aware that these new Russian planes are the biggest in the world with a capacity to carry about 200 passengers and are very cheap in operation?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: Sir, in a journal on aviation known as the 'Aeroplane' a report has appeared that the Russians are going to make an aircraft of that particular dimension.

SHRI AMOLAKH CHAND: May I know, Sir, from the hon. Minister whether he is aware that the Russians have already made it and they have offered to the Government of India ten planes?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: Sir, the journal which published this news only

says that this particular aircraft with a double-deck fuselage and a passenger capacity of about 180 and powered by four 12,000 h.p. turbo-prop, engines capable of operating on the longest international routes, is likely to appear in the near future.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: May I know, Sir, whether this plane was taken into account when the order for the jet planes was placed some time back?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: So far as I know, the plane is yet in an embryonic stage and it could not have been taken into account when the Air India International placed orders for the Boeings.

SHRI H. D. RAJAH: Was there any idea that the Government will purchase some planes from the Soviet Union and subsequently that idea was given up? What is the reason for giving up that idea?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: At one stage we were thinking of purchasing 'Ilyushin 14', but subsequently we found it would not very much serve the purpose of the I.A.C.

DR. R. B. GOUR: What is the embryonic stage of a plane?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: That is only in the embryo.

**ALLOCATION OF POWER TO HIMACHAL
PRADESH FROM BHAKRA-NANGAL**

◆492. DR. R. B. GOUR: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Himachal Pradesh Administration has requested the Government of India for an allocation of power from the Bhakra-Nangal Project;

(b) if so, for how much; and

(c) with what result?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI S. K. PATIL): (a) to (c). A statement giving the required information is laid on the Table of the House.