

RAJYA SABHA

Monday 10th December 1956.

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

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

SELECTION OF STAFF FOR THE QUILON-ERNAKULAM RAILWAY SERVICE

*231. SHRI PERATH NARAYANAN NAIR: Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of persons who appeared before the selection committee for selection of staff for the Quilon-Ernakulam Railway Service;

(b) the qualifications on the basis of which the selection was made;

(c) the number of persons who have been selected so far;

(d) the number of persons yet to be selected for the Quilon-Kottayam section which will be opened next year; and

(e) the number of persons who are working at present permanently and temporarily in the Quilon-Ernakulam Railway construction?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN): (a) 181.

(b) Serious and physical fitness.

(c) 76.

(d) About 150.

(e) Permanent—1 Temporary—203.

SHRI PERATH NARAYANAN NAIR: May I know if the Government have received any representation to the effect that the claims of several persons who have been occupying temporary positions and who have the requisite qualifications have been overlooked in the matter of these selections?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: This relates to Class IV staff, and as I said in my reply, already 76 men have been selected from among casual employees. It is estimated that the permanent strength that will be required will be another 150 men. The other people will also be interviewed and as many of them as are found suitable will be selected.

SHRI PERATH NARAYANAN NAIR: Have the Government received any representation?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: I am not aware of any such representation, because the process of selection is still going on.

TIMBER EXTRACTED FROM ANDAMAN ISLANDS

*232. SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: Will the Minister for FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity of timber extracted from the forest in the Andaman Islands during the years 1951-52 and 1954-55; and

(b) the quantity of timber purchased by the Government of India during the same period?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR FOOD (SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA): (a) and (b). A statement is placed on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

Year	Quantity of timber extracted	Quantity of timber purchased by the Govern- ment of India.
	Tons	Tons
1951-52	51,138	1,984*
1954-55	88,201	343*

*These figures relate only to purchases from the Andamans.

SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: May I know how much timber was sold by the Forest Department to other countries during the year 1954-55 -