

- (3) Any hole or crack in the roof or panels of wagons is repaired before they are used for loading.
- (4) Arrangements for covering consignments with tarpaulins during monsoon period.]

**श्री नवाब सिंह चौहान :** आपने जो यह विवरण सभा पटल पर रखने की कृपा की है, इसके भाग "ख" में कुछ प्रयत्न आपने बतलाये हैं जो कि किये गये हैं। किन्तु देखने से मालूम पड़ता है, जैसा कि भाग "क" में बतलाया गया है, कि सन् १९५२-५३ में मुआविजे की रकम लगभग २१ लाख रु० थी और सन् १९५५-५६ में लगभग २६ लाख रु० है जो कि बाद में और बढ़ सकती है। तो आपने यह प्रयत्न भी किये, लेकिन फिर भी यह नुकसान बढ़ता जाता है, इसका क्या कारण है? क्या आपके प्रयत्न सफल नहीं हुये?

**SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN:** It is true that the amount of the claims had gone up in the year 1953-54 but that was a very bad year from the point of view of monsoons. So, the amount reached perhaps the highest point in that year. Then in the following year, viz., 1954-55 we definitely saw an improvement. That does not mean that we will not tighten the measures that we have already initiated.

**श्री नवाब सिंह चौहान :** कहने का मतलब यह है कि सन् १९५५-५६ का रेनी सीजन अभी शेष है और पहले से २६, २७ लाख के करीब नुकसान हो चुका है। क्या यह ठीक नहीं है कि यह फीगर सन् १९५३-५४ से कहीं अधिक हो जायगी?

- **SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN:** The hon. Member would have noticed that these are only provisional figures. It is difficult to say whether they are completely accurate.

**SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY:** May I know whether it is not convenient for these wagons which have leaky roofs to be refitted with galvanised zinc sheets?

**SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN:** That is also being done. Other measures in this regard are also being examined—whether we can have corrugated flooring for wagons.

**SHRI B. K. MUKERJEE:** May I know how the figure for 1955-56 was arrived at and why this figure is provisional?

**SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN:** Certain initial calculations were made. I said that these figures are provisional and as such, we will not be able to arrive at firm conclusions from them.

**SHRI B. K. MUKERJEE:** The claims have been preferred by the people whose goods have been lost or damaged by the rains. When the claims have been received from the consignees, how can the figure be provisional? It must be final.

**SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN:** It cannot be final. Claims may have been received but the payment need not be equivalent to the claims.

**श्री नवाब सिंह चौहान :** क्या मंत्री महोदय को सूचना है कि माल के डिब्बे ही नहीं बल्कि खास खास सवारी गाड़ियों के डिब्बे भी चूते हैं? अगर यह सच है तो उनको ठीक करने के लिए क्या कोई प्रयत्न किये जा रहे हैं?

**SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN:** Now he strays to passenger coaches. Wherever it occurs, it is immediately repaired.

**SHRI B. B. SHARMA:** May I know to how many months this figure of Rs. 26 lakhs relates?

**SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN:** I am unable to say now.

#### EXPANSION PROGRAMME AT MADRAS PORT

\*308. **MOULANA M. FARUQI:** Will the Minister for TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the Rs. 10 crores expansion programme of the Madras Port; and

(b) what is the progress so far made in the implementation of the programme?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN):** (a) and (b). A statement giving the information is laid on the table of the Sabha. [See Appendix XIV. Annexure No. 39.]

مولانا ایم - فاروقی : کیا اس پوری اسکیم کے لئے کوئی تھیکہ دیا گیا ہے یا خود گورنمنٹ ڈیپارٹمنٹلی اس کام کو کر رہی ہے ؟

†[مولانا ام. فاروقی : کیا اس پوری اسکیم کے لئے کوئی ٹھکانہ دیا گیا ہے یا خود گورنمنٹ ڈیپارٹمنٹلی اس کام کو کر رہی ہے ؟]

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: These are all original schemes. This has been pruned later and another programme has been made and the work is progressing regarding all those schemes.

مولانا ایم - فاروقی : میرے عرض کرنے کا مقصد یہ ہے کہ یہ جو ۱۰ کروڑ روپیہ خرچ کیا جا رہا ہے اور جو کہ اسٹیٹمنٹ میں ہے اس کے لئے کیا کسی کو کنٹریکٹ دیا گیا ہے یا خود گورنمنٹ اس کام کو ڈیپارٹمنٹلی کر رہی ہے ؟

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SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: I am sorry I did not follow the hon. Member's previous question. He wants to know whether these works are being done by contractors or they are done departmentally. That will be difficult for me to say. For some of the major works, contractors are employed and some are being done departmentally. It will be very difficult to go into the details because it covers a large number of works.

SHRIMATI VIOLET ALVA: Besides the facts given in this answer, is the work entrusted to any firms?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: There is a contracting firm who are doing the work.

SHRIMATI VIOLET ALVA: May I know the name of that firm?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: I am not able to give it now.

†Hindi transliteration.

# REPRESENTATION FROM THE R.M.S., 'N' DIVISION EMPLOYEES

\*309. SHRI S. N. MAZUMDAR: Will the Minister for COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation from the employees of the R.M.S., 'N' Division, regarding the transfer of the headquarters of the said Division from Calcutta to Cuttack;

(b) if so, what are the demands raised in that representation; and

(c) what action Government have taken on these demands?

THE MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): (a) Yes.

(b) The demand is that those sections of 'N' Division, running wholly or in major part in the territory of West Bengal and the mail offices of 'N' Division situated within that State, should be transferred from the control of the Director of Posts and Telegraphs, Cuttack, to that of the Postmaster-General, Calcutta. A list of 10 such mail offices and sections was furnished.

(c) 12 mail offices and sections have been transferred from the 'N' Division to the West Bengal Circle including 7 of the list furnished by the staff in question after keeping administrative requirements in view.

SHRI S. N. MAZUMDAR: He gave a certain number. I have not got it. Will he kindly repeat that answer to enable me to put further questions?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: The staff gave a list of 10 mail offices and sections. We have transferred 12 mail offices and sections from 'N' Division located at Cuttack to West Bengal Circle. Out of these 12, seven are those which were included by the staff in their list of 10.

SHRI S. N. MAZUMDAR: May I know when these transfers were effected?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: The decision has been given and I think the transfers should have been effected or, may be, they are in the process of being effected.