

**SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN :** Naturally Government would like the process to be faster, but Government has also to take into consideration the size of its purse.

**DR. W. S. BURLINGAY :** Since the answer to part (c) is "No", may we know whether the Third Five Year Plan at least will be able to fulfil the target?

**SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN :** Yes, in the Third Plan we hope to reach the targeted tonnage of 2 million tons.

**SHRI M. VALIULLA :** We are told that at present our shipping is only half per cent of the world shipping tonnage. At the end of the Second Plan, what will be our percentage, if all goes well?

**SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN :** I have said that our tonnage will be raised from 6 lakh tons at the end of the First Plan to 9 lakh tons, that is an increase of 50 per cent in the tonnage. What proportion that will bear to the world tonnage will depend on the size of the world tonnage at that time.

#### CONSTRUCTION OF THE RAILWAY STATION AT ANAKAPALLI

\*452. **SHRI V. VENKATARAMANA :** Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the estimated cost of the Railway Station which has been constructed at Anakapalli; and

(b) when sanction for its construction was given?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN) :** (a) Presumably the Hon'ble member is referring to the remodelling of Anakapalli Railway station, the estimated cost of which is Rs. 3,05,100.

(b) On 18th September 1951.

**SHRI V. VENKATARAMANA :** Does it include the construction of the overbridge there?

**SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN :** No, Sir. This does not include the construction of the overbridge. This relates to the remodelling of the station, platform sheds, etc.

#### रेलवे टेलीफोन पृष्ठताछ कार्यालयों में नेत्रहीनों को काम पर लगाना

\*४५३. **श्री नवाब सिंह चौहान :** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि १९५५-५६ के लिये रेल मंत्रालय सम्बन्धी अपने २६वें प्रतिवेदन के पृष्ठ ६४ पर पैरा १६६ में एस्टीमेट्स कमेटी ने उचित शिक्षा प्राप्त नेत्रहीनों को रेलवे टेलीफोन कार्यालयों में पृष्ठताछ क्लर्कों के रूप में परीक्षण के तौर पर नियोजित करने के सम्बन्ध में जो सिफारिश की है, उस पर सरकार ने क्या निर्णय किया है?

#### †[EMPLOYMENT OF BLIND MEN IN THE RAILWAY TELEPHONE ENQUIRY OFFICES]

\*453. **SHRI NAWAB SINGH CHAUHAN :** Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state the decision taken by Government on the recommendation made by the Estimates Committee in paragraph 199 on page 64 of its Twenty-Sixth Report on the Ministry of Railways for 1955-56 regarding the employment of suitably trained blind men as enquiry clerks in railway telephone enquiry offices on an experimental basis?

**रेल तथा परिवहन उपमंत्री (श्री ओ० वी० अलगेसन) :** इस पर विचार किया जा रहा है।

†[THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN) : The matter is under examination.]

**PROF. G. RANGA :** What is it?

**MR. CHAIRMAN :** "The matter is under examination."

**श्री नवाब सिंह चौहान :** इस रिपोर्ट में कहा गया है कि इंडियन रेलवेज़ डेलीगेशन जब जर्मनी गया तो उसने वहाँ जर्मन फेडरल रेलवेज़ में नेत्रहीनों को काम करते देखा। तो क्या उस डेलीगेशन ने सरकार को कोई सिफारिश की थी? यदि की, तो सरकार ने उस पर क्या क्रमल किया?

**SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN :** This question refers to the employment of blind men in our enquiry offices. Naturally, blind men will be able to give the necessary information if the records are

† English translation.