

SHRI V. K. DHAGE: Is it a fact that the Hyderabad Government has also advised on this?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: I could not say, Sir.

DR. B. P. DUBE: I want to ask whether Government thought that Delhi is the proper place for a zoo.

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: That is why they have selected this place. We can construct zoos all over India.

SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: May I know when the work is likely to be undertaken?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: I cannot definitely say. We want to expedite as much as possible and we are expecting plans and estimates also from this German expert who has gone back.

SHRI H. C. DASAPPA: May I know whether the choice of the selection of the zoo was decided upon by the Government or was it on the advice of this expert?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: I would like notice.

SHRI H. C. DASAPPA: May I know whether he has been asked to tender advice in regard to the location of a zoo?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: Evidently. Whether we decided this part or he investigated it, evidently we are not in disagreement with the choice.

SHRI H. C. DASAPPA: Is not necessarily a great amount of air-conditioning required for many of these animals which are to be located in this zoo?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: Their habits are yet to be spoiled by air-conditioning.

SHRI B. K. P. SINHA: May I know if, in view of the fact that there is a proposal to make Hyderabad the second Capital of India, Government

will consider the question of establishing a second zoo there?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: I am not aware of any such decision or any such proposal. Well, if a zoo is necessary for a capital, I am sure that, if the Capital goes to Hyderabad, the zoo also will go there.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: Has the? selection of specimens already started?

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I was wondering why such a question was-not asked.

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: I am sure that all the Members of the House will know about it when it comes.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Hon, Members may choose and make suggestions.

SHRIMATI T. NALLAMUTHU RAMAMURTI: Mr. Carl Hagenbeck is an expert adviser on zoos. Will his services be made available to all the States at the expense of the Union-Government?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: I do not think there will be any difficulty if the State Governments would like to have a zoo on the same pattern. Expert advice may also be available.

CHAIR CARS FOR FIRST CLASS PASSENGERS

*118. DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of 'Chair Cars' so-far manufactured for the use of first class passengers;

(b) how many of them have already been put into service; and

(c) the number of trains on which it is proposed to provide Chair Car service in the near future?

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

(b) One.

(c) This service is in the experimental stage at present. Its extension depends upon the results of the experiment.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: Is there any proposal to have a similar 'chair car' for the metre gauge also?

SHRI LAL BAHADUR: It is merely in an experimental stage. So, we are trying it on the broad gauge first.

DR. R. P. DUBE: Does the Government know that in these 'chair cars' half the portion of the compartment is for sitting and half for sleeping accommodation. Why are they running these in night trains, when half of it (the sitting portion) remains empty?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: The original intention was that this should be tried on night runs so that passengers who need not have to travel the whole night may not disturb other passengers and they can just sit and travel. However, it was first put on day run only, that is, between Amritsar and Delhi. There, the occupation was quite satisfactory. It was more than about 75 per cent. Wow, it is being put on a night train between Allahabad and Delhi. It has been on this run only for a short period. We shall have the result after some time.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: May I know whether any more coaches are under construction?

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: It is in an experimental stage—everything.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: Is there any under construction?

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: If necessary, they will construct.

SHRI B. K. P. SINHA: Is there any difference between the fare charged

for these cars and conventional first class?

(No reply.)

SHRIMATI MAYA DEVI CHETTRY: May I know whether the 'chair cars' are profitable to the Government and also comfortable to the passengers?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: These are appreciated as being more comfortable.

PANDIT S. S. N. TANKHA: Has any space been provided for carrying luggage in these cars?

SHRI LAL BAHADUR: There is enough space in the car.

SHRI B. K. MUKERJEE: May I know what is being experimented, as the Deputy Minister said that the 'chair cars' are more comfortable? If they are comfortable what is the necessity for experimenting?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: Even while the experiment is going on, we can draw certain tentative conclusions. This does not preclude final results.

SHRI H. P. SAKSENA: Will the seat in these 'chair cars' be used for those who are under some punishment?

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: It is for use...

DR. R. P. DUBE: Does the Government or the Minister know that in this compartment, the shower that has been put up is with a chain? As long as you keep on pulling the chain, water comes. Is that also an experiment because you will have to learn to bathe with only one hand?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: I am not aware of it.

DR. R. P. DUBE: I have travelled I in it. I am saying from personal ex-[perience.

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: I only regret the inconvenience caused to the hon. Member.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Enough with 'chair cars' now.

**SHIPPING SERVICE BETWEEN INDIA AND
THE UNION OF THE SOVIET SOCIALIST
REPUBLICS**

♦119. DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: Will the Minister for TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the time by which the cargo shipping service, for which an agreement was entered into between the Government of India and the Government of the Union of the Soviet Socialist Republics on the 6th April, 1956, will begin to operate; and

(b) the route on which this service will operate and what will be its frequency in the first instance?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN) : (a) Russian ships have already started the service. The first Indian ship is expected to sail from India about the middle of May 1956.

(b) The service will operate between the Indian ports of Bombay and Calcutta on the one part and the Soviet ports of Odessa and Novoros-siisk on the other part and it is expected that the normal frequency will be one sailing in about a fortnight in either direction.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: May I know if the second ship has already left the Russian shores?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: We do not have that schedule of sailings. Sailings are arranged

PROF. G. RANGA: We are not able to follow even though we are nearer. Kindly speak a little louder.

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: The schedule of sailings is framed in consul-

tation with each other by both parties. Both parties draw up this schedule and as per that, sailings are arranged. Every three months, they are expected to meet and arrange the sailings.

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: Will the ships touch ports on the way also?

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Will they touch any other intermediary-ports? That is the question.

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: I am not quite sure. If the cargo is full, they may not touch any intermediate ports.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: Not even for fuelling purposes?

(No reply.)

*120, *121 and *122. [The questioner (Shri M. Govinda Reddy) was absent. For answers, vide cols 1169-1170 infra.]

RESERVE STOCK OF WHEAT AND RICE

*123. SHRI B. C. GHOSE: Will the Minister for FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently approached any foreign countries for the purchase of wheat and rice with a view to building up a reserve stock in the country.

(b) if so, which are the countries-that have been approached; and

(c) what results have so far been achieved in this connection?

THE MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE (DR. P. S. DESHMUKH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

SHRI B. C. GHOSE: Has the Government's attention been drawn to a report which was in the papers, even commercial journals, to this effect?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: Such news items appear in all sorts of papers.