

these things at certain prescribed rates.

श्री नवाब सिंह चौहान : क्या वह बिग गेम के लिये होता है या स्माल गेम, जैसे कि फेदर गेम है, के लिये होता है ?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: May be, all sorts of game.

NAUTICAL MUSEUM

*14. SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: Will the Minister for TRANSPORT be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to establish a Nautical Museum in the country?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN) : There is no such proposal at present.

SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: May I know, Sir, if there are any exhibits of nautical interest in the offices of the Government of India?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: Yes, there are some, Sir, but I do not think they are many. There are a few exhibits in the public museums in some of the cities. That is my information and there are also some of maritime importance, which are kept in the Nautical and Engineering College, Bombay, for the use of the students there.

SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: Is it not a fact that there are many more exhibits of nautical interest in the country and they have not been collected because of the lack of proper places for lodging them?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: I am not aware of the position, but I am prepared to look into it.

SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: Has it not been brought to the notice of Government....

MR. CHAIRMAN: He says he is not aware; that means that it has not been brought to his notice.

*15. [Postponed to the 15th May 1956.]

RAILWAY LABOUR UNIONS

*16. SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state the number of unions of railway labourers in each Railway Zone?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN) : There is one recognised union of non-gazetted railway servants on each of the Northern, Central, Western and South Eastern Railways; two such recognised unions on the North Eastern Railway; and three such recognised unions on each of the Eastern and Southern Railways.

SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: May I know, Sir, if it is not a fact that different conventions were held by the railway workers in each union?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: Different conventions were not held by the railway workers in each union. I have given the list of all the recognised unions. This refers to the Federation at the top level. There were two wings of the Federation which held two different meetings.

SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: May I know, Sir, whether any attempt has been made to bring together these rival unions at the level of the Federation?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: Yes, Sir, some time back at the instance of the hon. Minister for Railways, the representatives of these two wings of the same Federation more or less met and with the good offices of certain other leaders also, an agreement was arrived at, which is in the process of being implemented.

SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: May I know, Sir, whether any arrangement is made for fresh enrolment and fresh election?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: Of course enrolment has been going on. Last year's enrolment has been taken as the basis for conducting elections.

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MR. CHAIRMAN: The Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

DIESEL RAIL CAR SERVICES

*1. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of diesel rail car services at present running on the Southern Railway; and

(b) the number of such services to be introduced in 1956 on that zone?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN): (a) and (b). There are 20 diesel rail car services running on three metre gauge sections and 18 services running on three broad gauge sections. No additional services are contemplated in 1956.

IMPORT OF FOODGRAINS

*2. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the quantity of foodgrains it is proposed to import in 1956?

THE MINISTER FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI A. P. JAIN): No final decision has so far been taken.

FOREIGN EXPERT FOR THE RAILWAY REHABILITATION PROGRAMME

*3. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an expert has been sent to India by the United States Technical Co-operation Mission in connection with the Railway Rehabilitation Programme;

(b) if so, who is the expert; and

(c) what is the work expected to be done by the expert in connection with the Programme and what is the extent of that work already done by him?

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

(b) Mr. Lawrence Richardson

(c) A quick survey of the needs of the railway system in order to enable it to fulfil its functions in the economic development plans of the country with particular reference to requirements of rolling stock, both for rehabilitation and expansion improvements in line capacity and optimum utilisation of stock and equipment

GOITRE PILOT PROJECT SURVEY

1. MOULANA M. FARUQI: Will the Minister for HEALTH be pleased to refer to the answer given to Starred Question No. 305 in the House on the 14th December 1955 and state whether the initial survey of the Goitre Pilot Project has since been completed?

THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR): Not yet. It is likely to be completed by the end of June 1956.

MOVEMENT OF COAL CARGO BY SEA ROUTE

2. MOULANA M. FARUQI: Will the Minister for TRANSPORT be pleased to state: