

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.

12 Noon

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 food-grains 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: