

THE MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI LAL BAHADUR): (a) 17.13 per cent, in 1954 and 22.55 per cent, in 1955.

(b) Tea cargo is ordinarily shipped through private commercial channels. It is, however, understood that the Indian shipping companies would be satisfied if they are given a 25 per cent share and that as a result of voluntary cooperation between the interests concerned, this share is likely to be made available to them.

CLOAK ROOMS ON THE RAILWAYS

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

(a) the number of cloak rooms in each railway zone; and

(b) how many and at what places cloak rooms will be constructed in 1956-57?

THE MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI LAL BAHADUR): (a) and (b). The information is under collection and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

RESEARCHES ON UNANI AND AYURVEDIC SYSTEMS OF MEDICINE

192. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) which of the researches on (i) Unani and (ii) Ayurvedic systems of medicine have so far been completed; and

(b) which new researches are proposed to be undertaken in 1956-57?

THE MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO (SHRI V. K. KRISHNA MENON): (a) and (b). The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha in due course.

VISIT OF AUSTRALIAN PLASTIC SURGEON

193. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) whether, under the Colombo Plan, an Australian Plastic Surgeon has come to India;

(b) if so, where he is working; and

(c) whether he has trained any Indian doctors in plastic surgery; if so, how many?

THE MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO (SHRI V. K. KRISHNA MENON): (a) and (b). No Australian Plastic Surgeon is now in India. Dr. B. K. Rank, an Australian Plastic Surgeon came to India under the Colombo Plan, on the 26th January, 1955, and stayed in India upto the 1st March, 1955.

(c) the training consisted of 20 lectures given on the subject and 33 operations demonstrated by Dr. Rank to groups of post-graduate and under graduate medical students at Calcutta, Nagpur and Delhi. No other training was given by him to individual Indian Doctors.

NATIONAL MARITIME BOARD

194. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal to set up a National Maritime Board is under Government's consideration; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal?

THE MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI LAL BAHADUR): (a) No. It is however understood that the shipowners and seamen's representatives are at present negotiating for the establishment of a bipartite Maritime Board.

(b) Does not arise.