

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: The question is really too long. I would only say that this coastal railway was among the lines that were recommended by the Travaneore-Cochin Government. But the point that should be taken into consideration is whether we can have a parallel line so close to the one we have already begun constructing. We are not overflowing with funds.

SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: Is it not a fact that the construction of the Quilon-Ernakulam railway line was held up owing to the shortage of steel for girders to span the bridges?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN. It was so some months back, but now I understand that the iron and steel requirements have been met and the girders, etc. are being fabricated.

PAY SCALES FOR MARINE ENGINEERS

♦67. SHRIMATI VIOLET ALVA: Will the Minister for TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that different pay-scales for marine engineers are in force at different ports; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that the pay-scales of the marine engineers employed in the centrally administered ports are lower than those of their counter-parts in ports administered by the State Governments?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN): (a) A statement is laid on the Table of the House showing the scales of pay in force for certificated marine engineers at the various ports [See Appendix XII, Annexure No. 6.]

(b) The scales of pay vary slightly from port to port, but it cannot be said that the scales in the centrally administered ports are lower than those in State administered ports.

SHRIMATI VIOLET ALVA: In the statement they have given certain scales for Calcutta, Bombay, Madras, Cochin, Kandla, Visakhapatnam and other minor ports, but we do not have the other scales of pay to compare? How do they compare in terms of percentage or in any other way? Can you place it before us?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: Barring the* major ports and the Madras minor ports, the other ports do not employ certificated marine engineers.

SHRIMATI VIOLET ALVA: Since there are three types of service of marine engineers, one of the Central Government, one of the State Governments and one of the Port Trusts, could we know whether you do not think it essential now to devise a scheme to line up the scales of pay?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: Some years-back this was considered, that is, whether these scales of pay should be made uniform, but it was not accepted for various reasons. For instance the major ports are administered by autonomous Port Trust bodies and they take the conditions of their ports and other circumstances there and fix the scales of pay. They* figures are given in my answer, and as I pointed out, there is not much of a difference between the scales of pay and there is no need for making them absolutely uniform.

INDIAN CANCER RESEARCH CENTRE

*56. SHRI M. VALIULLA: On BEHALF OF MOULANA M. FARUQI) Will The Minister for HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) the number of candidates who received their degrees for M. Sc. and Ph. D. from the Indian Cancer Research Centre, Bombay, each year since its inception;

(b) what are the requisite initial qualifications for these courses; and

(c) the total number of seats available for each of the courses at the Centre?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR HEALTH (SHRIMATI M. CHANDRASEKHAR) : (a) Two students received the M.Sc. degree in 1954 and five in 1955. No student has so far received the Ph. D. degree.

(b) The initial qualification for admission to the M. Sc. Research Course is B. Sc. and for the Ph. D. Research Course M. Sc.

(c) No separate quota is fixed for each of the courses. In all 25 seats are available at present.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Out of the number of seats available how many have been filled up?

SHRIMATI M. CHANDRASEKHAR: At present on the rolls there are about 25 students.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Is it entirely financed by the Government of India or is any trust also taking part in it financially?

SHRIMATI M. CHANDRASEKHAR: Yes, Sir, it is also financed by a trust.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Which portion of the expenditure is entirely met by the Government of India?

RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR: The expenditure on the research side is entirely met by the Government of India.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: If it is entirely met by the Government of India may we know whether the administration is in the hands of the Government and is run entirely by the Government of India people or also by the Trust people?

RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR: The administration of this research centre is run by the Trust and the Government together and they are not Government officials. They are all employed by the Trust.

BABU GOPINATH SINGH: Has any research been carried on in the matter of cancer of blood and cancer of liver?

RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR: Actually the post-graduate courses here are for the following subjects: Microbiology, biochemistry, organic chemistry, zoology (that is, cytology and genetics) and physics.

DR. D. H. VARIAVA: Are medical graduates admitted for this course?

RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR: Yes, Sir, certainly if they have the requisite qualifications.

FOREIGN TRAINEES AT THE MALARIA INSTITUTE OF INDIA

*57. SHRI M. VALIULLA (ON BEHALF OF MOULANA M. FAKUQI) Will the Minister for HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) whether any students from foreign countries are at present receiving training at the Malaria Institute of India, Delhi; and

(b) if so, how many and from which countries?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR HEALTH (SHRIMATI M. CHANDRASEKHAR): (a) Yes.

(b) 18; 3 from Burma, 2 from Thailand, 11 from Indonesia and 2 from Ethiopia.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: May I know what is the total number of students having training at the institute now?

SHRIMATI M. CHANDRASEKHAR: I would require notice to answer that question.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: May I know whether those students that have come from foreign countries are paid any scholarship by the Government of India or are the respective Governments themselves maintaining those trainees here?

SHRIMATI M. CHANDRASEKHAR: We are not charging any fees from them. For their other expenditure their Governments or the sponsoring