

personally investigated this matter—most of these trained people have been employed. Not only that, in some trades, even before they pass out, demand comes for their being employed.

PROF. G. RANGA: Is there any record being kept by any one of their Directorates to see how many of them are really being employed effectively in the various trades and how many of them are not being employed?

SHRI ABID ALI: It was attempted some time ago. Some of these trainees were given the post cards each to keep us informed of their employment etc., but they have not been very much helpful in this matter.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Is there any plan to open many more of these training centres?

SHRI ABID ALI: During the next Five Year Plan, we are opening a large number of such training centres.

IMPORTED RAW MATERIAL FOR THE INDIAN TELEPHONE INDUSTRIES

*203. SHRI H. C. DASAPPA (ON BEHALF OF SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY): Will the Minister for COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what percentage of raw materials required by the Indian Telephone Industries is still being imported; and

(b) the steps taken to increase the production of such raw materials in India?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): (a) fifty-five per cent. approximately.

(b) The possibility of production in India of the raw materials required by the Indian Telephone Industries is being explored in consultation with the Government Departments concerned. The advice of the Indian Standards Institute has also been

sought about the available capacity in the country for the manufacture of the raw materials being imported at present. The extent to which the Indian Telephone Industries could make use of indigenous steel is under constant investigation and quite a large number of items of imported steel have already been substituted by indigenous ones.

SHRI H. C. DASAPPA: Are there any other firms here which could manufacture these parts other than the I.T.I.?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: As I said, we are in touch with the Indian Standards Institute and also the Ministry of Commerce and Industry for exploring the possibility of the procurement of the various raw materials we require for the Indian Telephone Industries from indigenous sources.

SHRI M. M. SUR: What are the principal items of import?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: It covers many items like aluminium.....Sir, it is a long list.

MR. CHAIRMAN: No, you need not read the list.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Is it a fact that we have to obtain our imported raw materials through their own London Agents and not through any other agency?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: They also help us but in case we are able to get them indigenously, we are free to do so.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Is there a condition in the agreement that we should get it only through them?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: They also help us in the procurement of raw materials.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Is it laid down in the agreement that we should get it only through them?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The condition is that they will help us. We are not bound to get them only through them.

PROF. G. RANGA: This is not satisfactory. He has put a specific question whether there is any such condition in the agreement or not. We want to know whether there is such a condition or not.

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: I don't remember all the conditions of the agreement, but even so I remember that one of the conditions is that they will help us in the procurement of raw materials, but if raw materials needed for our requirements are available indigenously, we are free to purchase them. There is no condition in the agreement that we are bound to procure only through them.

SOCIAL TOURISM

*204. SHRI H. C. DASAPPA (ON BEHALF OF SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY): Will the Minister for TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a scheme of 'Social Tourism' is under the consideration of Government; and

(b) if so, the details of the scheme?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN): (a) and (b). The question of including provision in the Second Five Year Plan for the development of some aspects of "social tourism" is still under consideration. The scope and nature of the schemes will depend on the financial resources that are made available and it is not possible, therefore, at this stage to give any idea of the details of the schemes.

SHRI H. P. SAKSENA: Will the hon. Minister kindly define, even if briefly, the term 'social tourism'?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: I would be very glad to do so. This covers holiday facilities for youths, students, workers, shop assistants, clerks and people

other than the better placed population of the country.

SHRI H. C. DASAPPA: May I know when the Government is going to complete the consideration of the scheme and finalise the scheme?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: The Ministry of Transport have submitted a very comprehensive scheme for the construction of youth hostels, but then we were told that this came under the purview of the Ministry of Education, and I am told that at present that Ministry is dealing with the subject.

SHRI H. C. DASAPPA: Is the Government aware that the facilities given to the people are very archaic and have not been improved upon for quite a long time?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: I am afraid the hon. Member's information is quite archaic, because even now there is a scheme for giving students a 75 per cent. concession of the railway concessions. The Railways give 50 per cent. concession and the balance comes to almost nil.

SHRI H. P. SAKSENA: May I know if this social tourism is based entirely on socialistic basis or there is any iota of commercial enterprise in it.

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: I would not like to put these progressive ideas into any set mould. The hon. Member is welcome to draw his own conclusions.

SHRI H. P. SAKSENA: What is the view-point of the Government? I should not be evaded like that.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Social tourism is tourism of groups and not individuals. Is that the distinction you make between social tourism and individual tourism, I want to know first. Students, workers.....

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: I am sorry I did not catch the hon. Member. Naturally, students and workers have these facilities in groups.