

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: They are the same. The quality will be the same, because we import from the same concern, and it is that concern which is helping us here.

SHRI KISHEN CHAND: May I know from the hon. Minister the percentage of the parts manufactured in India and the percentage of those imported from the foreign countries?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: I can give a statement. Well, in the second year we will be turning out 100 coaches of which 20 coaches, or that percentage, will be made of indigenous components. The number goes on increasing gradually, and in the fifth year all the 350 coaches will be made of indigenous components. And the total number as estimated at present will be 350.

SHRI KISHEN CHAND: Does that percentage relate to the value or to the volume of the component parts?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: I think, Sir, it relates to the percentage of components. I am not quite sure.

SHRI N. D. M. PRASADARAO: Are they vital parts?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Are they vital parts or minor ones?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: I think the hon. Members can be fully satisfied if they just pay a visit to the factory, and I cordially invite them.

SHRI B. K. MUKERJEE: May I know, Sir, whether the estimated cost as given by the hon. Deputy Minister, Rs. 1,80,000 per coach, is based on the present production or on the production when the factory goes into full production?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: Of course, it is based on present calculations but when the factory goes into full production, the price will be very much less.

श्री कन्हैयालाल बाँठे बॉय : क्या मंत्री महोदय बतायेंगे कि परम्बूर की फैक्टरी के अलावा इस देश में और कितनी फैक्टरीज में गवर्नमेंट की तरफ से एसम्बलिंग के लिए व्यवस्था है जहाँ इस प्रकार के डिब्बे बनाये जायें ?

श्री लाल बहादुर : जो कोचेंज परम्बूर की फैक्टरी में बनेंगे वैसे कोचेंज बनाने की कोई और फैक्टरी हिन्दुस्तान में नहीं है। लेकिन दूसरी तरह की साधारण कोचेंज बनाने की फैक्टरीज कई हैं।

SHRI KISHEN CHAND: May I know how the price of a coach built in Perambur compare with the price of an imported coach of similar design?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: I have got a few prices. The cost of a B. G. Class III coach built in the shells imported from Schliren and furnished in India is Rs. 2,27,000. The cost of a fully furnished B. G. Class III coach built in the Hindustan Factory is Rs. 1,32,000. The cost of a fully furnished B. G. Class III wooden body coach built in Railway Workshops is Rs-1,15,000.

TOURIST TRAFFIC BETWEEN INDIA AND U.S.S.R.

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

(a) whether it is proposed to provide unrestricted tourist traffic between the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and India; and

(b) whether an agreement has been entered into between the Governments of the two countries in this regard; and if so, what are the terms of the agreement?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN): (a) and (b). No, Sir.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Is it not a fact that there is an agreement between the Mercury Travels of India and the INTOURIST Soviet Travel Agency for free travel between the two countries?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: I have seen some such news item in the papers.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Does this mean that tourists, apart from those who go to Russia at the invitation of the Russian Government in the form of delegations, etc. can go there freely?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: Perhaps the two companies anticipate it.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Is it not a fact that they also agree that the necessary exchange arrangements will be made and facilities for travel and accommodation in Russia will be given without the intervention of the Russian Government in the matter?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: We are not aware of such arrangement having been made.

CONCESSION IN RAILWAY FARES FOR INDIAN INDUSTRIES FAIR

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

(a) whether he has received any requests from the Secretary, Virudhu-nagar Chamber of Commerce, and others to allow concession in railway fares to members of the recognised Chambers of Commerce to enable them to attend the Indian Industries Fair at Delhi; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken thereon?

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

(b) The requests were not agreed to.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Even though the concession is not given to Chambers of Commerce, may I know whether any concession has been given to bring goods to the exhibition in Delhi?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: I do not think it is given.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: May I know whether any concession has been given to students of Engineering Colleges to come and see the Fair in Delhi?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: So far as parties of students and also teachers are concerned, and also so far as rural parties consisting of kisans are concerned, there are permanent concessions. They can make a visit; they can travel all over the Indian Railways at these concessional rates and they can use these concessions for paying a visit to the Industries Fair also here.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Apart from the usual concession, may I know whether any concession has been given for the purpose of this Fair?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: No, Sir, but there were other circumstances which coincided with this, viz., Dus-sera, Diwali, for which concessions were given. Return tickets at one and three-fourth rates could have been purchased and people could have made use of these concessions.

HILL STATION FACILITIES FOR RAILWAY EMPLOYEES

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

(a) whether Government propose to provide facilities to railway employees so as to enable them to spend their holidays at hill stations; and

(b) if so, the class of railway employees who will get such facilities?