

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN): (a) and (b). A statement is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix X, Annexure No. 60.]

SHRI H. C. MATHUR: May I know whether these Workshops are designed for general work or are they intended for special work?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: The Bikaner and Jodhpur Workshops are doing repair of Metre Gauge locomotives. In the other Workshops Broad Gauge running stock are repaired.

SHRI H. C. MATHUR: My question was different. Any way, how do the costs of coaches and locomotives manufactured in these Workshops compare with the imported articles?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: I should like to have separate notice for that.

SHRI H. C. MATHUR: May I know whether the expansion programme of Government takes into consideration the employment situation in the locality?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: At present we are short of repair capacity in all the Workshops put together and so, expansion of various Workshops has been planned. It is also proposed to acquire the Amritsar Workshop and also to have a new Workshop for repairing Broad Gauge coaches.

SHRI V. K. DHAGE: The question is different.

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: What is the question?

SHRI H. C. MATHUR: Does the expansion programme of the Railway Administration relate to the employment situation of the locality?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: Naturally, when a particular Workshop in a locality is expanded, people nearby

would be employed mostly. Does he want me to take the unemployment statistics and then expand the capacity of the Workshops? What does he want?

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*317. SHRI K. SURYANARAYANA: Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation from the public as well as from the railway authorities of the Southern Railway for providing conductor guards and train conductors on trains running in that zone; and

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

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN): (a) A complaint has been received by the Southern Railway that there are no Train Conductors from Bezwada to Waltair and from Bezwada to Kurnool.

(b) The matter is under consideration.

PROF. G. RANGA: Madras also?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: At any rate, that was the complaint received.

SHRI K. SURYANARAYANA: Is there any other Zone in which Train Conductors are provided?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: Yes. Even here there are Conductor Guards but their number is not much. There are Conductor Guards working on the Calcutta Mail between Bezwada and Waltair. They are three in number.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question hour is over.