

PRICE OF LOCOMOTIVES

*59. SHRI N. D. M. PRASADARAO (ON BEHALF OF SHRI J. V. K. VALLABHARAO) : Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the price of a locomotive manufactured in the Tata Locomotive and Engineering Company Ltd. and in the Chittaranjan Locomotive Works respectively; and

(b) the cost of an imported locomotive?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN): (a) Telco are manufacturing at present Metre Gauge locomotives of 'YP' type for which on account payments are being made—Final cost has not yet been determined. The firm has however asked for approximately Rs. 6.54 lakhs per locomotive for the 35 locomotives turned out during the period 1st July 1954 to 31st March 1955.

Chittaranjan are manufacturing Baffld Gauge locomotives of 'WG' type. The estimated cost for 1955-56 is 4.81 lakhs, excluding interest charges which amount to about Rs. 0.55 lakhs per locomotive.

(b) The estimated landed cost of 'YP' Metre Gauge locomotive is Rs. 3.40 lakhs approximately and of 'WG' Broad Gauge locomotive is 5.25 to 5.50 lakhs.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS**PROGRESS OF THE FIRST FIVE YEAR PLAN**

*78. SHRI S. N. DWIVEDI: Will the Minister for TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any meeting of the Central Board of Transport was held

recently to discuss the progress of the schemes included in the first Five Year Plan and to formulate proposals for inclusion in the second Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, what decisions were taken thereat; and

(c) how they are to be implemented?

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

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

LACK OF WATER IN AND LATE RUNNING OF TRAINS BETWEEN BHUJ AND KANDLA

*80. DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any complaints have been received by Government regarding (i) the inconvenience experienced by the passengers on the trains running between Bhuj and Kandla and Navalakhi and Viramgam due to lack of water in the compartments of those trains; and (ii) repeated cases of late running of the trains between Kandla and Bhuj; and

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative, what steps have been taken on those complaints?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN): (a) No, except in respect of late running of trains.

(b) Necessary steps continue to be taken towards ensuring the punctual running of trains and the position has considerably improved during the last two months.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BOMBAY PORT TRUST

*81. DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: Will the Minister for TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bombay Port Trust has submitted its recommendations