

MR. CHAIRMAN: That is another question. Next question.

**LOW-COST BRITISH AIR-BRAKES FOR
WAGONS FOR INDIA**

♦61. SHRI S. MAHANTY: Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Foreign Operations Administration of the United States of America has refused to permit installation of low-cost British airbrakes in 3,300 railway wagons which are being manufactured for India in America; if so, why; and

(b) how much extra cost will have to be incurred for installation of brakes of other make in their place?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN): (a) Government have no official information.

(b) Does not arise, as the Railway Ministry pay on the basis of the lowest international market price of a similar wagon.

SHRI S. MAHANTY: "Government have no official information". Have they any non-official information?

MR. CHAIRMAN: They have no information. That is what he means.

SHRI S. MAHANTY: Then why say 'official information'?

MR. CHAIRMAN: You ask the next question.

SHRI V. K. DHAGE: If they have no information with them they may make proper enquiries in the matter. They must at least say that they will enquire into the matter.

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: We are not interested.

**INSTALLATION OF SECRAPHONES IN THE
PALM BEACH HOTEL AT GOPALPUR-ON-SEA**

♦62. SHRI S. MAHANTY: Will the Minister for COMMUNICATION'S be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that two secraphones were installed in the Palm Beach Hotel at Gopalpur-on-sea during the last All-India Congress Committee Session at Berhampur; and

(b) if so, for whom they were installed and at what cost?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

NATIONAL RAILWAY USERS' CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL

♦63. MOULANA M. FARUQI: Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how many meetings of the National Railway Users' Consultative Council were held in the year 1954-55; and

(b) what important resolutions were adopted by the Council in those meetings?

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

(b) No resolutions were passed. Apart from discussing the general transportation position certain suggestions and recommendations were made. A statement furnishing the important recommendations of the Council which have been accepted by the Railway Administration is placed on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

*Recommendations of the Council and
action taken by the Railway Board*

(A) MEETING HELD ON 19/20TH JULY 1954

(1) That longer working hours and shorter free time for loading and unloading be adopted—

Extended hours of working, viz., from 8 to 20 hours have been introduced at a number of important