

RAJYA SABHA

Thursday, 18th August 1955

The House met at eleven of the clock MR. CHAIRMAN in the Chair.

MEMBER SWORN

Shri Mehr Chand Khanna (Delhi)

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

RAILWAY SIGNALLING AND INTERLOCKING

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

(a) the amount that was planned to be spent during the period of the first Five Year Plan for the improvement of railway signalling and interlocking; and

(b) whether co'oured light signals will be introduced at all stations; and if so, at what cost?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN): (a) Rs. 3.91 lakhs approximately.

(b) Colour light signals are normally installed at large and busy stations and suburban electrified sections. Such signals will not be introduced at all stations. The approximate cost would be Rs. 94 lakhs for providing these signals on certain busy sections.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Is this sum of Rs. 94 lakhs intended for some stations or for one station?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: This amount is distributed over various railways.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: May I know in how many stations this colour signal will be installed?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: In the Northern Railway, stations in the Delhi Area; in the Southern Railway, certain large and busy stations and

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the suburban electrified section; in the Eastern Railway, all stations between Howrah and Burdwan.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: With regard to the manufacture of electric signalling equipment for the Indian Railways, may I know whether any orders have been placed with Indian firms? If so, to what extent we have been importing this equipment so far?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: I would like to have notice, Sir.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: May I know whether this sum of Rs. 3.91 crores has already been spent or is it that orders to that extent have been placed? If the latter is the case, have the orders been placed inside the country or outside?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: Approximately Rs. 2 crores have been spent so far.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Outside India or inside?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: I do not follow.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: I want to know whether the orders have been placed for importing this equipment or for manufacturing it here in India.

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: That is going into the details of the estimate. I do not have the details.

LOANS FOR PURCHASE OF SHIPS

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

(a) the amount of the loans made available to shipping companies so far in the year 1955-56 for the purchase of ships outside India;

(b) whether the entire amount sanctioned for this purpose in the year 1954-55 was fully utilised by now;