

TELEPRINTER FACTORY FOR INDIA

•162. SHRIMATI PARVATHI KRISHNAN: Will the Minister for COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are negotiating with a foreign firm for establishing a teleprinter factory in India as well as for purchasing teleprinters from them; and

(b) if so, the stage at which the matter stands at present?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR) : (a) The proposal for setting up a teleprinter factory is under consideration. Till the Factory is established and goes into production, the teleprinters will continue to be purchased in the usual manner.

(b) The proposal is under consideration of the Government.

SHRI S. MAHANTY: May I know in which manner teleprinters are being purchased at the moment?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: They are being purchased from well known firms—Messrs. Creed & Co., Messrs. Siemens & Halshi and others and through the normal channels of D. G. S. & D.

SHRI GOPIKRISHNA VIJAIVAR-GIYA: Is the Government trying to have teleprinters in Devnagari?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: That is also a part of the programme.

TRAINING OF SEAMEN

•163. SHRI J. V. K. VALLABHARAO: Will the Minister for TRANSPORT be pleased to state how many seamen out of those who were trained at the—

(i) T.S. "Dufferin" Bombay; and

(ii) Directorate of Marine Engineering Training, Calcutta,

are at present employed in ships in India?

I THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN) : The required information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha in due course.

SHRI J. V. K. VALLABHARAO: May I know how long it will take?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: I did not catch the question.

MR. CHAIRMAN: How long will it take for you to collect the information?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: The inception of "Dufferin" was in the year 1927, and we have to collect figures for all this period, as to how many candidates who have passed out of "Dufferin" are at present employed on ships owned by shipping companies.

MR. CHAIRMAN: But how long will it take?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: I cannot say that, Sir.

SHRI J. V. K. VALLABHARAO: In my view of the fact that the Government have spent so much on their training and most of them are either unemployed or seeking employment elsewhere, do not the Government think that it is necessary that they should have a register of those who are trained, of those who are already employed and of those who are not yet employed?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: It is wrong to say that most of them are not employed.

SHRI J. V. K. VALLABHARAO: A substantial number, I mean.

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: It is more true to say that most of them have been employed. But the point is about getting the actual figures.

SHRI J. V. K. VALLABHARAO: Do you keep any record of the trainees who are being employed?