

RAJYA SABHA

Thursday, 16th December 1954

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

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

WAGONS AND COACHES RECEIVED BY THE RAILWAYS

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

(a) the total number of new rail way wagons and coaches received by the Indian Railways during August, 1954;

(b) how many of these were received from abroad and from which countries; and

id how these receipts compare with those of the previous or later month?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN): (a), (b) and (c). A statement giving the detailed information is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VIII, Annexure No. 86.]

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: May I know as to what exactly is meant by the term 'in knocked-down condition' in regard to the incomplete wagons?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: They are received in parts and assembled here.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: May I know exactly as to what are the Indian concerns where these unfurnished coaches and wagons are prepared and supplied in India?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: If he wants the names of the firms which supply these things, I can give the

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names if he puts a specific question on that. I have not got all the names now.

PUBLICATION OF ACCOUNTS OF THE AIR CORPORATIONS

*332. DR. R. P. DUBE: Will the Minister for COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state the date on which the first annual accounts of the two Air Corporations are likely to be published?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR) : It is expected that the accounts of the two Air Corporations for the period ending the 31st March 1954 will be published early in the next financial year.

DR. R. P. DUBE: May I know the cause for this delay?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: This is a period of transition. We had to take over the undertakings of so many companies. The delay has been due to the collection and compilation of accounts-

WATER SUPPLY SCHEMES FOR THE RURAL AREAS IN ASSAM

:23. SHRIMATI BEDAVATI BURAGOHAIN: Will the Minister for HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from the Government of Assam requesting for financial assistance for any scheme for augmenting water supply in the rural areas of that State; and

(b) whether any funds have been, allotted to that State for the above-purposes, if so, how much, and if not, why not?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR HEALTH (SHRIMATI M. CHANDRASEKHAR) : (a) No.

(b) Not yet.