

(c) The scheme has already been introduced.

**PURCHASE OF COACHES FROM SWITZERLAND**

36. DR. R. P. DUBE: Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state the number of railway coaches so far purchased from Switzerland?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN): 152.

**CONSTRUCTION OF RAILWAY LINES UNDER THE POST-WAR RAILWAY RECONSTRUCTION**

37. DR. R. P. DUBE: Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 125 on the 2nd March 1954, and state:

(a) the year by which the construction of 4,000 miles of new railway lines envisaged under the Post-War Railway Reconstruction Scheme was to be completed; and

(b) the year in which the above construction is now expected to be completed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN-): (a) and (b). The Post-War Railway Reconstruction Scheme was drawn up before World War II had actually ceased. The political changes that took place subsequently completely altered the position and the original Post-War scheme has given place to the Five Year Plan.

**REPAIRS AND REHABILITATION ON THE RAILWAYS**

38. DR. R. P. DUBE: Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of years it would take for the Railways to overtake the arrears of repairs and rehabilitation accumulated during the last war; and

(b) whether the money available in the Depreciation Reserve Fund of the Railways is sufficient for the above purpose?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN): (a) There are no arrears of repairs to rolling stock accumulated during the war. It is hoped that arrears of rehabilitation of locos and wagons will be completed by the end of the first Five Year Plan. The complete rehabilitation of coaching stock may take two or three years more. As regards track renewal, the arrear is expected to be cleared up by the end of the 2nd Five Year Plan.

(b) Yes.

**TRANSPORT OF VEGETABLE OILS**

39. SHRI NARAYANDAS DAGA: Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state the quantity of vegetable oils transported by tank-wagons and box-wagons in each division of the different railway zones during the years 1951-52, 1952-53 and 1953-54?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN): The information is furnished in the statement attached. [See Appendix VIII, Annexure No. 28.]

**BOX-WAGONS AND TANK-WAGONS**

40. SHRI NARAYANDAS DAGA: Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state the number of tank-wagons and box-wagons at present allotted to each railway zone for the transport of vegetable and mineral oils respectively?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN): (i) Box wagons are not allotted to Railways specifically for transporting Vegetable Oils or Mineral Oils, but those available from time to time on Railways are supplied for the different demands including those for Vegetable and Minerals Oils.

(ii) The number of tank wagons allotted at present to each Railway for the transport of traffic in vegetable