

# COUNCIL OF STATES

Thursday, 6th May 1954

The Council met at a quarter past eight of the clock, MR. CHAIRMAN in the Chair.

## ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

### CLOAK-ROOM CHARGES ON THE VARIOUS RAILWAYS

\*573. SHRI S. M. HEMROM: Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any difference in the rates charged for keeping luggage in the cloak-rooms on the various railways;

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative, what are the charges on the various railways; and

(c) whether the charges are reckoned on the basis of—

(i) weight, or

(ii) number of packages, or

(iii) volume?

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

(b) Charges on the Central, North Eastern, Southern and Western Railways as well as on Bikaner and Jodhpur Divisions of Northern Railway are calculated at the rate of two annas per package for the first 24 hours or part thereof and one anna per package for each subsequent 24 hours or part thereof. Charges on the other Divisions of Northern Railway and the Eastern Railway are calculated at the rate of three annas per package for the first 24 hours or part thereof and two annas per package for each subsequent 24 hours or part thereof.

(c) Charges are generally reckoned on the basis of the number of packages  
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deposited in the cloak room. On the Central Railway, however, charges due on certain articles, such as, tricycles, motor-bikes etc. are calculated on the basis of weight.

SHRI S. M. HEMROM: Was this two anna rate prevailing in the Northern Railway also?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: I did not quite follow the question. Will the hon. Member kindly repeat it?

SHRI S. M. HEMROM: Was this two anna rate prevailing some time back in the Northern Railway also?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: Yes, Sir, in two Divisions, the Bikaner and Jodhpur Divisions the rate is two annas.

SHRI B. C. GHOSE: How about making the rates uniform in all the Railways?

MR. CHAIRMAN: It is a suggestion for action.

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: It is under consideration.

MR. CHAIRMAN: All right, 'it is under consideration'.

SHRI B. C. GHOSE: If he says it is a suggestion for action, I shall put the question in a different way.

DR. P. C. MITRA: What is the rate on the Eastern Railway?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: I have just now read, Sir; it is three annas.

SHRI S. M. HEMROM: Is the two anna rate still prevailing in the Northern Railway?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Yes, that is what he said. They are taking action to make it uniform.