

IMPROVEMENT OF MAJOR PORTS UNDER THE FIVE YEAR PLAN

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

fa) the amount allotted to each of the five major ports in India out of the total amount allotted in the Five Year Plan for the improvement of these Ports; and

(b) the amount so far spent on each of these ports?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN) : (a) A statement giving the amount provided in the Plan for loans to the major ports is laid on the Table of the House.

(b) Ports have incurred some expenditure from their own resources, but no loan out of the allotment has so far been drawn.

Statement

Name of the Port		Amount in lakhs of Rupees
Calcutta	..	659.5
Bombay	..	417
Madras	..	300
Cochin	..	93.5
Visakhapatnam
Total		1470

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Does it mean that the work is going on according to schedule?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: Yes.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Then why is it that the amount allotted has not been drawn from at all?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: I would request the hon. Member to listen to the answer when I read it out. I said, "Ports have incurred some expenditure from their own resources." They will draw from the loan in due course.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Do I understand that out of the allotted amount nothing has been drawn?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Till now.

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: Yes.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: What is the amount allotted for this year's expenditure?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: For this year it is Rs. 200 lakhs.

ANNAPURNA DINING CARS

*217. KUMARI SHOILA BALA DAS: Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

fa) the progress so far made in the extension of the use of Annapurna Dining Cars on railways; and

(b) the amount of profit made by the running of these dining cars since they were started up to September, 1953?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN): (a) At present only one Annapurna Dining Car is running on railways on the Weekly Janata Express between Delhi and Madras.

(b) The service is run by the All India Women's Food Council, and Government are not aware of the amount of profits made. No profits accrue to the railway.

SHRIMATI SAVITRY NIGAM: May I know Sir, if the Government have any intention of adding these Annapurna Dining Cars to the important major railway routes?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: We have, in fact, received a request from the All India Women's Food Council to that effect and we are considering it.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Then, the next question—Mr. Kakkilaya is absent. So also Mr. Surendra Ram and Shri Pawar. Then Mr. Mahanty? He will be here.

AN HON. MEMBER: What about the other questions?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The hon. Members concerned are all absent.