

MR CHAIRMAN The Western Railways, he has said that

SHRI O V ALAGESAN I have already stated that, Sir The hon Member should try to listen

SHRI H C MATHUR Do not get touchy

CENTRAL BOARD OF TRANSPORT

*438 SHRI H C MATHUR Will the Minister for TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the constitution of the Central Board of Transport,

(b) the dates on which the Board met in the year 1953-54, the proposals which were considered at these meetings and the decisions which were taken, and

(c) whether these meetings were attended by any representative of the Rajasthan Government, and if so, whether any proposals were made by him?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O V ALAGESAN) (a) The Central Board of Transport consists of representatives of the Ministries of Transport, Railways, States, Defence Finance, Commerce and Industry, Production and Communications and representatives of State Governments co-opted as and when necessary

(b) The Board has not met in the year 1953-54 so far

(c) Does not arise

SHRI H C MATHUR Have you no projects under consideration at present and if you have any, how are they to be decided without this Board?

MR CHAIRMAN: Have you no projects under consideration at present and if you have any, how are they to be decided upon without the advice of this Board?—that is the question

SHRI O V ALAGESAN Sir, certain new projects—I think the hon Member has in mind projects of new railway construction—were placed before the previous meeting of the Board and it was generally agreed that the hon Minister for Railways will look into these projects and decide the priority

PROF G RANGA Why is it that the Board has not met for all these days and what is it that the Government proposes to do in order to see that this Board meets or that this Board is abolished and some other Board is appointed?

MR CHAIRMAN He says, "Why has not this Board met in the year 1953-54 so far?"

SHRI V K DHAGE There was no business.

PROF G RANGA In 1952 also

SHRI O V ALAGESAN Generally it meets once in a year

PROF G RANGA It met last 1952-53

SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM There was a meeting last year

MR CHAIRMAN In 1953-54?

PROF G RANGA Sir, it is also going to end

KHWAJA INAIT ULLAH There are still four months more.

COMPENSATORY ALLOWANCE TO RAILWAY EMPLOYEES ON GROUNDS OF UNHEALTHY SURROUNDINGS

*439 SHRI S N MAZUMDAR Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to my supplementary question arising out of starred question No 163 asked on the 7th December 1953 and state:

(a) whether any compensatory allowance on grounds of unhealthy surroundings of certain sections of the North