

SHRI B. P. AGARWAL: May I know whether Government will consider the advisability of recommending grants from such organisations to the indigenous systems?

RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR: It would be impossible to get from the W.H.O. grants in favour of the indigenous systems of medicine.

PROF. G. RANGA: Has any effort been made? This kind of answer is very unhappy. May I know whether Government had made any effort at all? Even before they make an effort, the hon. Minister says it is impossible.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Because they know their views.

PROF. G. RANGA: What do they mean by that? How can they know their views? Has any representation been made by the Government of India about this?

MR. CHAIRMAN: In other words, whether it is merely your impression that they would not favour expenditure on indigenous systems of medicine or whether it is the result of any representation made?

RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR: The money that is given by the W.H.O. is generally given for fellowships abroad. That naturally could not apply to the indigenous systems of medicine. They are also giving technical experts. That also cannot apply to the indigenous systems of medicines. They give us equipment. That also would not apply to the indigenous systems of medicines. I suggest to the hon. Member that so far as our own systems are concerned, it is for our own Government to encourage them or not, and not to ask for foreign aid.

WAGONS, COACHES AND LOCOMOTIVES FOR THE RAILWAYS

*305. **SHRI M. VALIULLA:** Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how many wagons, coaches and engines have been ordered for the

Indian Railways in the year 1953-54 and from which places;

(b) out of the wagons, coaches and engines ordered in the year 1952-53, how many were received;

(c) whether in some cases the delivery was not given as per agreement;

(d) if the answer to part (c) above be in the affirmative what are the names of the manufacturing concerns which did not keep up their obligations to deliver the wagons, coaches and engines; and

(e) when India is expected to be self-sufficient in wagons, coaches and engines?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN): (a) So far—

Wagons—8,090 in India and 10 in the U.K.;

Coaches—62 (12 in Italy and 50 in Switzerland);

Locomotives—50 in India; but further orders are expected to be placed shortly against the 1954-55 Programmes.

(b) Wagons—350 up to 31st July 1953.

Coaches—Nil.

Locomotives—Nil.

(c) No. Delivery of the orders placed in 1952-53 is not due completion before March 1954.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) It is already self-sufficient for normal replacement requirements of coaches and wagons. For the traffic demands at the present level, however considerable additional rolling stock is required and it is hoped that in the next 3 to 4 years all such requirements can be manufactured in the country, with the exception of a few specialised items which will not be wanted in large numbers.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: The answer to (b) was that out of the wagons, coaches and engines ordered in the year 1952-53, 350 wagons were receiv-

ed. May I know what was the number ordered?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: I said 8,090 in India and 10 in U.K.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: That is for 1953-54. I am asking how many were ordered in 1952-53?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: Wagons ordered during 1952-53, to be delivered in 1953-54; their number is 6,190 for broad-gauge wagons and for metre-gauge the number is 400.

SHRI C. G. K. REDDY: But that is not the answer.

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: There is something more—3,645 metre-gauge wagons and 76 narrow-gauge wagons.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Sir, the orders placed are in thousands and the numbers delivered are in hundreds. Are the Government sure that the companies are competent to make the deliveries in time?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: They are competent to make the deliveries by.....

MR. CHAIRMAN: March 1954?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: Yes, Sir, by March 1954.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Were these numbers, 3,645 and 350 received in response to the orders placed in 1951-52?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: No, Sir.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: May I know if these companies which are to supply the wagons and coaches are capable of completing their contracts?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: Yes.

SHRI B. C. GHOSE: Sir, if only 350 wagons have been received in six months, do Government expect that the order will be completed—the order for about 6,500 wagons—by the end of the year?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: We hope, Sir.

SHRI B. C. GHOSE: What steps are they taking in the direction of expediting these deliveries?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: At present there is no fear that they will not be received.

SHRI B. C. GHOSE: Will the hon. Minister kindly explain why there has been this unevenness in the supply of the wagons? We have received only a small percentage of the total order, in six months' time?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: My reply will have to be a very detailed one Sir, and at present I do not have all the particulars with me.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You have placed orders for 6,000 odd to be delivered by 1954. But during these six months you have received only 350. Therefore he asks: Do you expect the other deliveries to be completed before March 1954. You say, you hope—expectation and hope, that is the difference.

SHRI B. C. GHOSE: Sir, the trouble is, the hon. Minister does not seem to have the information, or the question is an inconvenient one

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Minister will answer the question.

SHRI LAL BAHADUR: Sir, it is true that the delivery has been delayed. We have taken special steps to get the deliveries expedited. We have asked one of our officers to chase these orders. It is, however, expected that they will be able to comply with the orders by the end of the specified period. If they are not able to do so, naturally the penalty clause may have to be invoked and they may have to suffer.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: What is the number of wagons for which orders were placed in 1951-52 for delivery in 1952-53?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: I do not have that information now with me..

SHRI GOVINDA REDDY: Is the work in connection with the supply of these wagons in progress now?

SHRI LAL BAHADUR: Yes.

SHRI B. C. GHOSE: In reply to part (e), the hon. Minister has said that we are self-sufficient in wagons and coaches and then he went on to say that we still require some wagons and coaches for meeting our requirements. How does he reconcile these two observations?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The development programme is different from normal replacements etc.

SHRI B. C. GHOSE: If you have attained self-sufficiency, then you are self-sufficient. Do I take it then that we have not yet attained self-sufficiency in relation to our demand?

SHRI LAL BAHADUR: In relation to our normal requirement, we have attained self-sufficiency; but we have to overtake the arrears for which a large number of wagons and coaches have to be provided. For that we have to import from abroad.

SHRI B. C. GHOSE: Then do I understand the hon. Minister to mean that for making up these arrears you get the imports from other countries? If this arrear has not been made up, may I know what is the arrear still remaining to be made up?

SHRI LAL BAHADUR: I cannot give the exact figure. In coaches about 5,000 or a little more have to be overtaken.

POST MASTER GENERAL FOR ORISSA
P. & T. CIRCLE

*306. SHRIMATI SHOILA BALA DAS: Will the Minister for COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on the 1st June 1953, the Oriya People's Association represented to the Minister for Communications at Cuttack for raising the status of the present Posts

and Telegraphs Circle of Orissa, which is under a Director of Posts and Telegraphs to that of a Circle under a Post Master General; and

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative, whether any action has been taken in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): (a) Yes.

(b) After due consideration Government have decided that sufficient justification does not exist at present for upgrading the Orissa P. and T. Circle.

DR. P. C. MITRA: May I know whether such an arrangement exists in any other State? Or is it special for Orissa?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: We have got many Circles—Bihar, Bombay, Central, Madras, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh—whose boundaries are not coterminous with the boundaries of the various States. Sometimes three or four States go to constitute one postal circle.

RAILWAY CENTENARY EXHIBITION

*307. SHRIMATI SHOILA BALA DAS: Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what expenditure Government had to incur for the Indian Railways Centenary Exhibition held at Delhi in the last cold weather; and

(b) what amount has been collected (i) as gate money at the exhibition, and (ii) from other sources?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN): (a) The expenditure incurred on the Indian Railways' Centenary Exhibition at New Delhi is estimated at Rs. 13.45 lakhs. The exact figure will, however, be known when all debits have been received and accounts are closed.

(b) (i) Rs. 2,02,860.

(ii) Rs. 4,49,093-11-6 from private stall holders, amusement park and