

(c) the lines proposed to be taken up for electrification in 1953-54 and 1954-55?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN): (a) and (b). The following lines were electrified during 1951-52 and 1952-53 at the cost as noted against each:—

Year	Section	Expenditure
1951-52	Kurla-Mandhurd Sec., Central Railway (4.7 miles)	Rs. 4,15,411
1952-53	8 Single Track miles Up and Down through line between Bandra and Andheri of the Bandra-Borivli Sec., Western Railway.	Rs. 8,00,000
Total		Rs. 12,15,411

(c) Up and Down Through line between Andheri and Borivli of the Bandra-Borivli Section on the Western Railway will be electrified during 1953-54 (possibly extending into 1954-55).

SHRI M. VALIULLA: The expenses just now given are capital expenses. Is it so, Sir?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: I think so, Sir. But I am not very definite.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: What are the running expenses? How much will it cost you to run them? Will it be economical if you do not use coal? That is the idea.

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: Running expenses on electrified lines are much less than using coal.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Is it the policy of Government to have more electrified lines?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: Yes, consistent with the availability of finance, etc.

SHRI D. NARAYAN: May I know, Sir, when the electrification of Igat-puri-Bhusaval line is to be taken up?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: It is in our programme. It is not to be taken up immediately.

SHRI T. V. KAMALASWAMY: May I know when the extension of electrification of the line between Tambaram and Chingleput will take place?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: That is also under consideration, but I cannot indicate any date.

BUILDING AND PURCHASE OF OIL TANKERS.

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

(a) whether Government propose to build or purchase oil tankers; and

(b) if so, what amount has been set apart for this purpose?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN): (a) The whole question of Government acquiring oil tankers for commercial operation is under active consideration.

(b) No budget provision has so far been made for this purpose.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Is it not a fact that in view of the oil refineries that we are going to have in India, more and more oil tankers will be needed?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: Yes, Sir. As I have said, the matter is under consideration.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: What is under consideration? Will they be purchased or will other companies be subsidised to purchase them?

MR. CHAIRMAN: All that is under consideration.

DISTRICT POSTAL SUPERINTENDENTS APPOINTED IN MADRAS CIRCLE

*665. **SHRI T. V. KAMALASWAMY:** Will the Minister for COMMUNICATIONS