

(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