

SHRI B. C. GHOSE: Does the Minister mean the width of the seats in the new coaches or the old coaches?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: In the new ones.

SHRI B. C. GHOSE: The width in the new ones was less than in the old ones?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: Yes, Sir.

SHRI H. N. KUNZRU: Is that an improvement?

MR. CHAIRMAN: He wants you all to go and see the Railways Centenary Exhibition and find out.

SHRI H. N. KUNZRU: I have been there.

SHRI B. C. GHOSE: We have been there and we saw only third-class coaches there.

SHRI H. N. KUNZRU: I have been to the Centenary Exhibition and all that I saw there was a new type of third-class coach. I have not seen any new type of second-class coaches there.

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: I shall explain. Sir. My reference was to the Swiss coaches. They are of the corridor type and the width of the seats was rather less. There was need for widening them and so we shall have new coaches with seats of greater width.

SHRI H. N. KUNZRU: What is the total number of such coaches now in use?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: I cannot give the information just now. Sir.

SHRI H. N. KUNZRU: Cannot the hon. Minister tell us whether the number is a thousand or two thousands or only a hundred or two hundred?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: It should be very careful and give the correct number, especially to the hon. Member.

SHRI H. N. KUNZRU- Probably the number is even less than one hundred.

SHRIMATI VIOLET ALVA: On what lines are these Swiss coaches running?

MR. CHAIRMAN: That question was raised before.

SHRI KISHEN CHAND: Have any complaints been made about these new corridor type of coaches?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: That is exactly what I was referring to. The complaint was that the width of the seats was less and now the width will be increased.

MARINE OIL TERMINAL AT BOMBAY PORT

*382. SHRI GOVINDA REDDY: Will the Minister for TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bombay Port Trust Authorities have been called upon to undertake the construction of a Marine Oil Terminal at Bombay Port; and

(b) if so, (i) for what purpose, (ii) the approximate cost of the project, (iii) the name of the contractors entrusted with the construction work, and (iv) the terms of contract for the construction of the Terminal?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT ^SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN): (a) Yes.

(b) (i) The existing terminal facilities for oil tankers at the Port of Bombay are inadequate to accommodate the large tankers which will call at the port when the two oil refineries proposed to be established at Trombay JJO into production. It has, therefore, been decided to construct a new oil terminal at Rije'ncr Island to provide the necessary facilities.

(ii) Rs. 5J crores approximately.

(iii) and (iv) The plans and estimates of the project are still

under preparation and stage for entering into a contract has not yet been reached.

- SHRI GOVINDA REDDY: May I know who is preparing the plans and estimates for this project?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: The Consulting Engineers of the Bombay Port Trust are entrusted with this task.

SHRI GOVINDA REDDY: Is that an Indian firm or a foreign firm which is now in charge of preparing the plans and estimates?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: The Consulting Engineers for the Bombay Port Trust are a U.K. firm.

SHRI GOVINDA REDDY: Before this U.K. firm was entrusted with the business, were Indian engineers consulted to find out whether they could prepare the necessary plans and estimates for this project?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: They have been the consulting engineers to the Bombay Port Trust. This is a very difficult task and they did not feel confident enough to entrust to anyone here.

SHRI GOVINDA REDDY: But may I know whether any attempt was made to consult Indian engineers and find out whether they could undertake this work or not?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: Indian firms may be associated at a later stage when the construction starts; but the preparation of the plans and estimates has been entrusted to these Consulting Engineers.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Ships of what tonnage will be able to use them?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: I think even ships of 30,000 or more tonnage.

SHRI B. RATH: How many ships are there which carry 30,000 tons.

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: All over the world? I do not have the information.

MR. CHAIRMAN: In India?

SHRI B. RATH: There is none in India.

MEASURES FOR REDUCING UNEMPLOYMENT

*383. SHRI H. C. MATHUR: Will the Minister for LABOUR be pleased to state what steps Government have taken during the last 12 months to reduce unemployment among the educated classes?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR LABOUR (SHRI ABID ALI): Government are pressing forward with the schemes under the Five Year Plan which will ensure larger number of employment.

SHRI H. C. MATHUR: Is it a fact that unemployment among the educated classes has been on the increase during the last three or four years?

SHRI ABID ALI: Yes, Sir. But according to the figures available with the employment exchanges, there is a slight decrease in December 1952.

SHRI H. C. MATHUR: But as a general question, may I know whether it has been on the increase during the last three or four years?

SHRI ABID ALI: That has been the feeling.

SHRI H. C. MATHUR: Could not the Minister kindly give me an idea of the extent to which it has increased?

SHRI ABID ALI: No survey has been made to enable us to give any accurate information.

SHRI H. C. MATHUR: Are any efforts being made to get correct information on this important subject?

SHRI ABID ALI: We feel it would not be possible.

SHRI H. C. MATHUR: Sir, I could not follow the answer.