

SHRIMATI VIOLET ALVA: Is it a fact that there is one qualified woman pilot looking out for employment?

SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM: Yes, there is one.

SHRI K. C. GEORGE: How many woman pilots have got training here in India?

SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM: One, as I said.

SHRIMATI VIOLET ALVA: Is it a fact that this woman pilot has applied for a post to the Defence Ministry?

SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM: I have no information.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You must ask the Defence Ministry.

AMENITIES IN II CLASS COACHES

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

(a) when the new coaches for II Class passengers will be constructed; and

(b) whether they will have better amenities than at present, such as wider berths, European pattern lavatory, better water-taps and bigger compartments?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN): (a) New coaches for second class passengers as for other classes continue to be constructed according to requirements.

(b) The amenities provided in the II Class are considered satisfactory and will be maintained in the future II classes. Improvements in seating accommodation and other respects are constantly under review and these receive careful attention whenever there is justification.

SHRI B. RATH: Is it not desirable to provide bathing arrangements in the compartments?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Say "All such things are under review."

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: Yes, Sir.

SHRI B. C. GHOSE: Do I understand that the coaches now in use are the new coaches generally?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: They are of varying ages. Some are new of course.

SHRI V. K. DHAGE: On which side of the line are the new coaches running?

MR. CHAIRMAN: There is no discrimination at all.

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: No, there is no discrimination at all.

SHRI V. K. DHAGE: Are these coaches put on the Grand Trunk Express?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: I would like to have notice of that question.

SHRI B. C. GHOSE: What is the number of passengers for the new coaches? Have Government laid down any rules for that?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: They are all details. I don't have the information just now.

SHRI B. C. GHOSE: Are they only 5 berth coaches or are they 4 berth coaches?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: I don't have the information here.

SHRI B. C. GHOSE: What are the new facilities that the Minister said are being provided in the new second class coaches?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: I have not said that new facilities are being provided. The coaches are there and can be seen. The width of the seat was a little less than before and that question is now being reviewed.

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: I should be very careful and give the correct number, especially to the hon. Member.

SHRI H. N. KUNZRU: Probably the 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 go into production. It has, therefore, been decided to construct a new oil terminal at Rutchur Island to provide the necessary facilities.

(ii) Rs. 5½ crores approximately.

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