

statement showing the action so far taken by Government on the recommendations made by the Public Accounts Committee in their report on the Railway Accounts for the year 1943-49?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN) : The action taken on the recommendations of the Public Accounts Committee on the Railway Accounts for 1948-49 was conveyed to the Committee during their examination of the Audit Report on the Accounts for 1949-50 and will be placed on the Table of the Council in due course, by the Parliament Secretariat.

**ALL METAL LIGHT WEIGHT CARRIAGES  
RECEIVED FROM SWISS FIRM**

48. SHRI P. C. BHANJ DEO: Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of all metal light weight carriage units received during the year 1951-52 from the Swiss firm with which a 12-year agreement was entered into in the year 1949; and

(b) how many of them were First and composite First and Second Class carriages?

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

(b) One composite I and II. Prototype.

**LOCOMOTIVES, CARRIAGES AND WAGONS  
RECEIVED IN 1951-52**

49. SHRI P. C. BHANJ DEO: Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of locomotives, carriages and wagons received by the Railways during the year 1951-52;

(b) whether all of them are running at present;

(c) how many of the carriages received were (i) composite First and Second Class carriages and (ii) Third Class carriages: and

(d) how many locomotives, carriages and wagons were purchased during that year from Dollar Areas out of the loan taken from the World Bank?

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

(a)	Locomotives . . . . .	120
	Carriages . . . . .	771
	(In units)	
	Wagons . . . . .	6,166
	(In units)	
(b)	Yes.	
(c)	(i) Composite I & II . . . . .	57
	(In units)	
	(ii) III class . . . . .	445
	(In units)	
(d)	Nil.	

**PRODUCTION AND SHORTAGE OF SUGAR**

50. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has produced more sugar than what was needed for internal consumption in the years 1951-1952 and 1952-53: and

(b) whether there has been a world shortage of sugar in the year 1952-53?

THE MINISTER FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAFI AHMED KIDWAI) : (a) The production of sugar in India in 1951-52 was in excess of the internal requirements. As against the total production of 14.97 lakh tons in 1951-52, the actual offtake was 11.71 lakh tons. During 1952-53 season the production upto 31st March, 1953 totalled 11.03 lakh tons, and a large number of factories are still in operation. The consumption during the current year is expected to be between 13 and 14 lakh tons, and the current year's production, together with a carryover of 5 lakh tons from the previous season, will be in excess of the

consumption requirements of the country by more than three lakh tons.

(b) No.

**PASSENGERS AND CARGO CARRIED BY THE AIR SERVICES**

51. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of passengers and the weight of cargo carried in 1951 and 1952 within the territory of India by (i) Indian air companies and (ii) foreign air companies, if any, operating solely in India: and

(b) the number of passengers and the weight of cargo brought into and carried outside India during the same period by (i) Indian air companies and (ii) foreign air companies.

THE MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM): (a) and (b). I lay on the Table of the House three statements giving the required informations. [See Appendix IV, Annexure No. 100.]

**CHAMARAJNAGAR - SATYAMANGALAM - COIMBATORE RAILWAYS PROJECT**

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

(a) what will be the cost of survey of the Chamarajnagar-Satyamangalam-Coimbatore railway project;

(b) when Government propose to undertake the survey of this project: and

(c) for how long the question of surveying the project has been pending with Government?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN): (a) and (b). Traffic and Engineering surveys of the Chama-rajnagar-Satyamangalam - Coimbatore railway project have already been carried out, along with an alternative alignment from Chamarajnagar to

Mettupalayam, at a cost of Rs. 4,56,221. (c)

Does not arise.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO SHRI S. SAMBHU PRASAD**

MR. CHAIRMAN: I have to inform hon. Members that the following letter has been received from Shri S. Sambhu Prasad.

"As I am suffering from an acute stomach disorder for over a fortnight and am confined to bed kindly grant me leave of absence for the present session."

Is it the pleasure of the Council that permission be granted to Shri S. Sambhu Prasad for remaining absent from all meetings of the Council from the i)th April, 1953 till the end of the current session"

*(No hon Member dissented.)*

MR. CHAIRMAN: Permission to remain absent granted.

**MOTIONS FOR ELECTIONS TO COMMITTEES**

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA) : Sir, I beg to move:

"That this Council do proceed to elect, in such manner as the Chairman may direct, two Members of the Council of States to serve for a period of three years on the National Food & Agriculture Organisation Liaison Committee constituted under the Resolution of the Government of India in the Ministry of Agriculture (now Food and Agriculture) No. F. 16-72/47-Policy, dated the 8th November 1948."

The motion was adopted.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA) : Sir, I beg to move:

"That in pursuance of clause (g) of section 4 of the Indian Coconut Committee Act, 1944, as amended by