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#### HOOGHLY PILOTAGE

\*85. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the deficit in the Hooghly Pilotage account was partly met from the general account in 1951-52;

(b) if so, what is the amount, thus transferred from the general account;

(c) whether part of the deficit in the said Hooghly Pilotage account was also met from the Vessels Replacement Fund in the same year, and if so,

(i) what is the amount thus met; and

(ii) what was the amount at the credit of the Vessels Replacement Fund at the end of 1951-52?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN). (a) No. The deficit in the Hooghly Pilotage Account was fully met from the General Account in 1951-52.

(b) Rs. 6,85,000.

(c) No.

(i) Does not arise.

(ii) Nil.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Is it a fact that there has been this deficit from 1950-51 and if so why was it not met from the Vessels Replacement Fund?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: There was no fund available in that year and so it was not met.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Is it not a fact that there was deficit during 1950-51?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: Yes, the deficit started from 1950-51 and it is continuing.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: What was the deficit in 1950-51?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: Rs. 10,43,068.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: How was it met?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: It was met partly from the General Account and partly from the Revenue Reserve and Vessels Replacement Fund.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Under what rules?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: Under section 9 of the Calcutta Port Pilotage Act, 1948.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Is it not a fact that the amount can only be taken from the General Fund?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: This amount was taken from that Fund.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: As per the report given by Government, the amount could be taken only from the General Fund. May I know what is the amount at the credit of the Vessels Replacement Fund?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: It is nil. The entire amount has been withdrawn.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: What is the likely deficit in the present year?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: 1952-53 deficit is estimated to be Rs. 915,900.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: How is it likely to be met?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: From General Account.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: What is the position of the General Account?

MR. CHAIRMAN: I want to tell you that you started with 1951-52 went back to 1950-51 and now you are going to 1952-53, and all this circulation with the idea.....

SHRI M. VALIULLA: The idea is if the deficit is about 9 or 10 lakhs there should be some method found out to see that it does not arise.

MR. CHAIRMAN: When they have the deficit, they will discover how best it will be met but it is a hypothetical question.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: It is chronic. It is going on.

SHRI C. G. K. REDDY: Would the hon. Minister let us know whether this Pilotage revenue is from Pilotage only or is also from the Harbour Masters' Fees.

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: I have no information. I would like to have notice.

SHRI C. G. K. REDDY: Would he let us know how the rate for pilotage in Calcutta port which, more or less, is for piloting for about 120 miles, compares with pilotage charges in other parts of the world and if it is very low, as I understand it is very low.....

MR. CHAIRMAN: It does not arise out of this. He says the deficit in Hooghly Pilotage account and you are asking for the rates of pilotage.

SHRI C. G. K. REDDY: It does arise. I would submit that the revenue is low because the rate is low.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Put a different question.

#### TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS FOR ANDHRA CENTRES

\*86. PROF. G. RANGA: Will the Minister for COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of (i) telephone switch-boards in stock, (ii) the telephone connections capable of being connected to such switch-boards;

(b) the places where and the period for which these switch-boards have been in stock;

(c) how many applications for telephone connections and exchanges have been received every year from Andhra since 1950 and how many of them have been granted; and

(d) whether there are any plans for opening exchanges or providing additional switch-boards to meet these increasing demands?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM): (a) and (b). Two magneto boards, one of 50 lines and the other of 100 lines, are available in Store depots at Bombay and Jabalpur, from August, 1952, and December, 1952 respectively.

| (c)                           | 1950                                 | 1951                             | 1952                           |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| No. of applications received. | 592                                  | 636                              | 600                            |
| No. of connections provided.  | 267                                  | 371                              | 522                            |
| New exchanges opened.         | 3                                    | 2                                | 3                              |
|                               | (Bobbili-<br>Nandyal &<br>Chittoor). | (Sri-Kaku-<br>lam &<br>Cuddapah) | (Gudur<br>Tirupah,<br>& Pakala |

(d) Yes.

PROF. G. RANGA: What are these plans? What plans have the Government got for opening up exchanges and providing additional switch-boards? How many exchanges and how many switch-boards do they plan to provide?

SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM: The Plan is to provide extensions at Bezwada, and Guntur and often exchanges at Chirala and Pilacole (?).

SHRI T. S. PATTABIRAMAN: May I know what area the hon. Minister means when he gives the figures of applications from "Andhra"?

SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM: The area at present under the charge of the Director of Madras Circle of the P. & T. Department.

PROF. G. RANGA: To what use are these switch-boards that they have in reserve, being put now? The hon. Minister said they have some switch-boards in reserve at Jabalpur and one other place.

AN HON. MEMBER: Bombay.