

SHRIMATI SHOILA BALA DAS: What is the work of the Child Welfare Organization mentioned in the statement?

(No reply.)

SHRI H. P. SAKSENA: Do the Women's Voluntary Welfare Agencies take care of any Men's Voluntary Welfare Organization? If they don't, is it not discriminating one section of the people against another?

(No reply.)

DR. P. C. MITRA: Is there any amount granted to any Lady Centre in Bihar?

SHRIMATI M. CHANDRASEKHAR: As far as we know from this list, there is not any. But if they had applied and they deserved, it would have been granted.

DR. P. C. MITRA: If not, why not?

MR. CHAIRMAN: If they deserved, they would have been given.

SHRIMATI SHOILA BALA DAS: What is the work of the Indian Council of Child Welfare?

SHRIMATI M. CHANDRASEKHAR: I don't know whether that arises from this.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Then don't answer it.

SHRIMATI SHOILA BALA DAS: Rs. 10,000 has been given to the Indian Council for Child Welfare which I find in the statement given to me. I would therefore like to know the work of the Council.

RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR: The Indian Council of Child Welfare mentioned in the statement was started about 3 years ago. It is linked up with the International Conference and it has got its branches in the various States and its work is child welfare.

SHRI K. C. GEORGE: How many such Women's Agencies from Travancore-Cochin have applied to the Minis-

try of Health for grants and how many have been given grants?

MR. CHAIRMAN: They have been getting on wonderfully well and why do you want more assistance for them?

NEW TYPE DINING CARS FOR MAIL TRAINS

*524. DR. SHRIMATI SEETA PARAMANAND: Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how long will it take to make new Annapurna type of dining cars for all the mail trains; and

(b) what is the cost of each such dining car?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN): (a) Only one Annapurna dining car for experimental use has been built. The extension of the use of similar carriages will depend on the results of the experiment.

(b) Rs. 1,50,000 approximately.

DR. SHRIMATI SEETA PARAMANAND: Is Government aware that the present Annapurna dining cars are most insanitary as the staff live in the same cars and arrangements for cleaning are dirty?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: The conditions in some of the cars are not satisfactory and so new cars are being built.

DR. SHRIMATI SEETA PARAMANAND: Will Government see that these arrangements at least are changed if the cost of building new dining cars are very high?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: Yes, they are being changed.

SHRI B. RATH: Is it not a fact that sometimes even the food is worse than the car?

(No reply.)

PROF. G. RANGA: For how long do Government propose to carry on this experiment before they introduce the new ones?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: We have asked each Railway to build one dining car and that would take some time.

KHWAJA INAIT ULLAH: Are the third class passengers allowed to take meals in these dining cars?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: Even in the present cars, they are being allowed.

KHWAJA INAIT ULLAH: In the present cars?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: Yes.

SHRI B. K. MUKERJEE: What is this new type of dining cars and how do they differ from the existing type of cars?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: I would like the hon. Member to go to the Railway Exhibition and see it for himself.

SHRI B. K. MUKERJEE: Will they give us free meals there?

(No reply.)

TRAINING OF ASSISTANT HARBOUR MASTERS

*525. SHRI K. M. RAHMATH-ULLAH: Will the Minister for TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) when the training school for the training of Assistant Harbour Masters in Calcutta was started;

(b) what is the present number of trainees in this institution; and

(c) what amount has so far been spent on it?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN): (a) No training school as such has been started for the training of Assistant Harbour Masters at the Calcutta Port.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

SHRI RAHMATH-ULLAH: How many have passed from that?

MR. CHAIRMAN: There is no training school.

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PROF. G. RANGA: Is there any proposal to train people in India?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: No.

KHWAJA INAIT ULLAH: Is there no need for it in this country?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: I said there is no training school as such. The Dufferin Cadets pass through a long course of training and they pass some tests and then they are recruited as Assistant Harbour Masters.

SHRI M. VALIULLAH: Is it not insufficient for our needs and is it not necessary for Indians to be trained in this?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: At present out of 40 Assistant Harbour Masters, 20 are Indians.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Is it not a fact that recruitment has been going on in the foreign countries for these posts for the last 2 years? Have not the Consul Generals recruited and sent some Harbour Masters because we did not have sufficient hands?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: Only between June and October 1952 we were able to recruit 7 Indians fully qualified for these posts.

SHRI K. C. GEORGE: Is there any demand for the opening of such training schools?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: Sir, it is not confined to a training school as such. Over a period of years the.....

SHRI K. C. GEORGE: Sir, that is not the answer to my question. My question is: Is there any demand from any quarter for opening such training schools?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: No.

ALLOCATION OF LOADING SPACES ON RAILWAY SIDINGS

*526. SHRI B. C. GHOSE: Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state: