

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. 32 CSD

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-