

SHRI RAFI AHMED KIDWAI: The hon. Member has discussed the Budget, and the provision was clearly laid down there. I cannot give it here.

SHRI H. C. MATHUR: Has it been separately laid down for scarcity areas?

SHRI RAFI AHMED KIDWAI: It has been specifically laid down how much will be spent on the Grow More Food programmes. The year has just begun.

SHRI H. C. MATHUR: Government is going to give special attention to scarcity areas, and I think they should earmark a certain amount for expenditure in those areas.

SHRI RAFI AHMED KIDWAI: I said the year has just begun, and the House has recently passed the Budget. Allocations will be made hereafter.

SHRI M. S. RANAWAT: How much was spent last year in the scarcity areas?

SHRI RAFI AHMED KIDWAI: I will give the information if the hon. Member puts another question.

SHRI V. K. DHAGE: Is there a demand for a loan from the Hyderabad Government?

SHRI RAFI AHMED KIDWAI: I do not know. I require notice.

SHRI B. C. GHOSE: Is there a change in the policy underlying the Grow More Food Programme in recent times?

SHRI RAFI AHMED KIDWAI: There cannot be any change in the policy, because everybody wants to grow more food.

SHRI B. C. GHOSE: Is there any change in the policy underlying the approval to be given to the schemes?

SHRI RAFI AHMED KIDWAI: There is always a shift from one

scheme to another. One or two committees went into the matter and reported on the matter and their recommendations have in many cases been followed.

#### NEW TYPE INTEGRAL COACHES RECEIVED FROM SWITZERLAND

\*518. SHRI T. S. PATTABIRAMAN: Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of new type integral coaches received from Switzerland so far;

(b) how many of them are being utilised in the railways at present; and

(c) how many of them are in use on the Southern Railway?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN): (a) Two prototypes and 46 coaches.

(b) 33.

(c) None.

SHRI T. S. PATTABIRAMAN: May I know, Sir, why the Southern Railway has been singled out for this purpose?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: Sir, 8 coaches have been given to the Northern Railway and 25 are in service on the Western Railway. As soon as we get more coaches, the Southern Railway will be considered.

SHRI T. S. PATTABIRAMAN: Sir, my question is: Why the Southern Railway has been singled out and not given any such coaches?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: It is not so, Sir. The Central Railway has not been given and the Eastern Railway has also not been given these coaches. It is only the Northern Railway and the Western Railway which have got these coaches. As and when we receive more coaches, we shall certainly consider the case of Southern Railway.

SHRI C. G. K. REDDY: By the reported performance and price of these coaches, is it not a blessing that the Southern Railway has not been given any coaches?

(No reply.)

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Has the Government entered into an agreement with the same company which supplies these coaches to start a factory?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: Yes.

SHRI V. G. GOPAL: What is the total number of coaches ordered?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: Uptil now we have placed an order for 100 coaches.

SHRI V. G. GOPAL: Will they be distributed equitably?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: No question of equitable distribution arises now. All the Railways need them and their needs will be taken into consideration and allotment made.

SHRI B. RATH: What has happened to the rest of the 13 coaches received? They have received 46 and issued only 33. What has happened to the rest of 13 plus two prototypes?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: Till now 33 have been allotted; hereafter the others will be allotted.

SHRI B. RATH: When were these coaches received?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: They have been received over the past several months, Sir. I cannot give the exact dates.

SHRI B. RATH: When was the last coach received?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: I should like to have notice. They were being received every month.

DR. P. C. MITRA: What is meant by "integral coaches"?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: Sir, the ordinary coaches have under-frames and the bodies are built over the under-frames. The new type of coaches are not so built and the whole thing is in the form of a tube; it is one single tubular piece of construction and I am sure the hon. Members have seen the model in the Railway Centenary Exhibition.

SHRI T. V. KAMALASWAMY: In view of the fact, Sir, that the Grand Trunk covers the longest distance, will the Government consider the proposal to introduce these coaches there?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: That will be considered.

#### STRIKE OF THE TRANSPORT SECTION WORKERS OF THE POST AND TELEGRAPH SERVICES, CALCUTTA

\*519. SHRI S. N. DWIVEDY: Will the Minister for COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of a strike by the Transport Section workers of the Post and Telegraph Services, Calcutta, in the month of February 1953;

(b) if so, what was the cause of the strike;

(c) whether the demands of the workers have been accepted;

(d) whether this strike was conducted by the Posts and Telegraphs Industrial Workers' Union;

(e) when this Union was recognised by the Ministry of Communications; and

(f) whether this Union enjoys the right to represent cases of its members to the authorities concerned?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR):

(a) Yes, a few of the employees of the P. & T. Transport Service, abstained from work on 18th February 1953.