

SHRI K. S. HEGDE : Is it a fact that the All-India Trade Union Congress is more a political organisation than a labour union ?

SHRI V. V. GIRI : It is for them to say.

TRAIN SERVICE BETWEEN KAVALI AND MADRAS

*80. SHRI B. V. KAKKILAYA : Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the reasons for the discontinuance of the train service between Kaveli and Madras on the Southern Railway ;

(b) whether Government have received any representations from public bodies or individuals for the resumption of this service ; and

(c) whether Government propose to re-start this service ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN) : (a) Prior to 1st April 1948, there was a passenger train each way between Madras and Kaveli. From 1st April 1948, simultaneously with the extension of the Ongole—Cocanada passenger train to and from Bitragunta, the passenger train running between Madras and Kaveli was scheduled to run between Madras and Bitragunta only. The introduction of the daily Janata Express train from 6th November 1951 between Madras and Calcutta necessitated the cancellation of some of the sectional trains on the north-east line of the Southern Railway including the passenger train which was running between Madras and Bitragunta. This was found necessary, as due to paucity of stock and power, it was not possible to introduce the Janata Express without the cancellation of the trains.

(b) Yes.

(c) No.

SHRI P. SUNDARAYYA : Has the Ministry received a number of

representations about the inconvenience being caused by the discontinuance of this train service ?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN : I have already answered the question in the affirmative.

SHRI P. SUNDARAYYA : Is there any proposal under the Government to start a shuttle service between Kaveli and Gudur to meet the urgency of the passengers ?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN : Not at present, Sir.

SHRI P. SUNDARAYYA : What time does the Ministry propose to take to introduce this service ?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN : Unless the stock position improves, we will not be able to do it. But we are examining the question.

SHRI P. SUNDARAYYA : I am not asking for the whole train from Kaveli to Madras but from Kaveli to Gudur in which even a few carriages will do.

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN : We are examining the position for the whole section, Sir.

COMPENSATION FOR CASUALTIES IN THE GOLD FIELDS

*81. SHRI M. VALIULLA : Will the Minister for LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) the total amount of compensation paid by the Kolar Gold Field mining companies for the casualties caused by the accidents connected with the operations of those companies in the years 1950-51 and 1951-52 ;

(b) how much of this compensation was in the form of lump sum grants and how much of it was in the form of life pensions or grants ;

(c) the nature and the number of casualties during those two years ; and