

SHRI S. N. MAZUMDAR : May I know, Sir, whether these officers are also entitled to diplomatic amenities ?

SHRI ABID ALI : No, Sir.

PROF. G. RANGA : Is it not a fact that the Director was supposed to have the assistance of three experts according to the constitution of the Corporation and so far only one has been provided for him and, for want of adequate staff and trained assistance, not sufficient progress has been made ?

SHRI ABID ALI : No, Sir. That is not correct. So far as the two officers to be appointed are concerned, the needful is being done.

PROF. G. RANGA : How much longer do Government propose to take to appoint them, Sir, in view of the fact that it is more than a year since these people should have been appointed ?

SHRI ABID ALI : Efforts are being made to secure the services of officers with requisite qualifications. These have not been successful so far. But it is hoped that we will be able to get proper persons very soon.

SHRI P. SUNDARAYYA : What is the daily allowance that is being paid to these officers ?

SHRI ABID ALI : Rs. 20.

SHRI K. C. GEORGE : May I know how long it will take to train our people ?

SHRI ABID ALI : The whole period is six months.

SHRI P. SUNDARAYYA : What is the actual amount of salary being paid in India to these officers ?

SHRI ABID ALI : We do not pay any salary here.

SHRI K. C. GEORGE : Are any Indian officers being trained ?

SHRI ABID ALI : Yes, the Indian officers are being trained.

TRADE UNIONS

*79. DR. R. B. GOUR : Will the Minister for LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether in the course of his tour in the country, the Minister has been pleading for unity among the various trade unions ; and

(b) whether he has also been advising the various trade unions in the country to exclude the All-India Trade Union Congress from any move for unity ?

THE MINISTER FOR LABOUR (SHRI V. V. GIRI) : (a) Yes.

(b) No.

DR. R. B. GOUR : Does the hon. Minister know that in the press this impression has gained ground that the hon. Minister's speeches are meant only to unite the two organisations, i.e. the I.N.T.U.C. and the H.M.S. and has the hon. Minister contradicted that impression ?

SHRI V. V. GIRI : That is not my impression, Sir. And I do not believe in contradicting every press report that appears in this country.

DIWAN CHAMAN LALL : Is it the hon. Minister's part of duty to become a propagandist ?

(No reply.)

DR. R. B. GOUR : May I know from the hon. Minister what concrete steps does he propose to take in order to implement the wishes that he has been expressing in his speeches ?

SHRI V. V. GIRI : It is for the organisations to take concrete steps, not for myself.

SHRI J. R. KAPOOR : May I know Sir, what is the total membership of the I.N.T.U.C. as also the total membership of the A.I.T.U.C. ?

SHRI V. V. GIRI : That question does not arise. But if the hon. Member gives a notice for that, I shall certainly give the information.

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