

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN : It is on that basis that we have proceeded.

SHRI C. G. K. REDDY : But will the information be placed before the House ? Will it be placed on the Table of the House ? That is the question. The hon. Minister does not understand any question that is put.

MR. CHAIRMAN : No, no.

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN : I may not be as quick in understanding as the hon. Member, but yet I am doing my best to understand the questions and answer them.

PROF. G. RANGA : In view of the fact that this House has, right up till now—the interim Parliament and also during the recent Budget Session—been in favour of the abolition of the first class, may I suggest that this question may be taken up for separate discussion, instead of going on in this manner ?

SHRI H. N. KUNZRU : It was decided that this system should be put an end to, because of the dissatisfaction created in this House ; Prof. Ranga should note that.

DR. D. H. VARIAVA : I understand that the abolition of the first class was taken on hand to produce a classless society. Even in the first session of this Council Mr. Kher suggested that. But I would like to know why the Railways have been selected for producing a classless society and not any other branch of life.

(No answer.)

MR. CHAIRMAN : Next question, Mr. Reddy.

ASIAN MARITIME CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION

*198. SHRI C. G. K. REDDY : Will the Minister for LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether an Asian Maritime Conference of the International Labour

Organisation is to be held shortly, if so, when and where ; and

(b) whether Government propose to send a delegation to that conference ; if so what will be the size and composition of the delegation ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR LABOUR (Shri ABID ALI : (a) so far no intimation has been received by the Government of India about the date and place of the Asian Maritime Conference of the I. L. O.

(b) Does not arise.

SHRI C. G. K. REDDY : Sir, on a point of information. Here it is put down as the Minister for Transport, but the reply has been given by the Deputy Minister for Labour.

MR. CHAIRMAN : It has been corrected here as "Minister for Labour".

SHRI C. G. K. REDDY : Is there any report published in newspapers or in the I. L. O. Journal that the meeting will be held in Singapore in May 1953 ?

SHRI ABID ALI : According to our information, the conference is to be held between February and May 1953 ; venue and the date have not yet been settled.

SHRI C. G. K. REDDY : May I know whether the department of which the hon. Minister is in charge will be responsible for the selection of the delegation, or any other Ministry ?

SHRI ABID ALI : This Ministry, Sir.

RAILWAY LINE BETWEEN OLD SILIGURI STATION AND SILIGURI JUNCTION

*199. SHRI S. N. MAZUMDAR : Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that (i) the strip of the narrow gauge railway line between the old Siliguri Station and