

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN : I do not have the information, Sir.

ALLEGATIONS AGAINST CERTAIN RAILWAY CONTRACTORS AT BHARATPUR STATION

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

(a) whether any enquiry was made into certain charges made by one Shri Babulal Gupta against certain Railway contractors of Bharatpur Station ;

(b) if so, who was the official deputed for making the enquiry and whether he has completed his enquiry and submitted his report ;

(c) whether Government will place a copy of the report on the Table of the Council ; and

(d) what action Government propose to take on the report ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN) : (a) Some time back a letter from Shri Babulal Gupta, containing allegations against Railway Officials, and a Railway catering contractor at Bharatpur station, was forwarded to the Minister for Railways by Shri Indra Vachaspati, M.P.

(b), (c) and (d). On another complaint against the catering contractor to the General Manager, Western Railway, special enquiries have been instituted by the Western Railway and suitable action will be taken on completion of these enquiries.

SHRI B. V. KAKKILAYA : May I know, Sir, who was the official who conducted this enquiry ?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN : The enquiry is going on still, Sir.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Who are the people who are conducting the enquiry ?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN : The officers of the Western Railway. I do not know their names.

SHRI B. V. KAKKILAYA : Will the Government see that some officials who are not in the Railway (i.e. in the Western Railway) are deputed to conduct the enquiry, so that there may not be any hush up business ?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN : I do not think it is necessary, Sir.

BOX BOYS IN THE SERVICE OF RAILWAYS

*267. SHRI B. RATH : Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether box boys have been provided for carrying the tool boxes and kits of anglo-Indian drivers and firemen to and from the engines before and after duty of those drivers and firemen ; and

(b) what is the scale of pay of these box boys ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN) : (a) The practice is not uniform at all places and depends on the circumstances at each place. Generally box boys are provided for carrying the private boxes of drivers and firemen between running sheds running rooms. Where these arrangements exist they are available to the staff without distinction as between communities.

(b) The scale of pay of the Box Boys is Rs. 30— $\frac{1}{2}$ —35.

SHRI B. RATH : Is it a fact that box boys have been provided at Tata-nagar to carry the private boxes and kits of Anglo-Indian drivers and firemen but not of Indian firemen ?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN : Sir, wherever these box boys are employed, they serve the drivers and firemen without any distinction of community. I have clearly stated that in my reply. If the hon. Member has got any particular instance in his mind, he can bring