

### चल-स्कन्ध (क्र०)

\*४९८. श्री सिंहासन सिंह : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि क्या यह सत्य है कि रेलवे वित्तीय मंत्रणाकार यूरोप गये थे और उन्होंने वहां १२ करोड़ रुपये के रेल इंजिन तथा डब्बे खरीदने के लिये विभिन्न यूरोपियन कम्पनियों के साथ सौदे किये थे ?

(ख) क्या उपरोक्त समवायों में वह स्विस् कम्पनी भी सम्मिलित है जिस के साथ १९४९ तथा १९५० में डब्बों के संभरण के लिये हमारा सौदा हुआ था और जिसे आन्धी राशि अगाऊ दे दी गई थी और जिसने उन में से अभी तक केवल ग्यारह डब्बे दिये हैं ?

(ग) चित्तरंजन कारखाने पर कुल कितनी पूजा लगी है और इस समय वहां कितने व्यक्ति काम कर रहे हैं ?

**The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri):** (a) Yes, in association with the Director General, India Store Department, London, and other technical officers to procure some items of roiling stock. Orders are being placed by the Director General, India Store Department, London, after settlement of technical details. The placing of final orders is still to be finalised and, consequently, value of the orders to be placed is not yet available.

(b) No. It is incidentally pointed out that 26 coaches have been received from Switzerland as against 11 mentioned by the Hon'ble Member.

(c) (i) Outlay at C.L.W. ...  
Rs. 14.93 Crores.

(ii) Strength of Staff ... 6,222

### FOODGRAINS FOR MADRAS

\*499. **Shri Kakkan:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state what necessary steps are taken to help the Government of Madras by giving foodgrains, after the Food Ministers' Conference in Bombay?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai):** In Bombay, discussions took place with the Food Ministers of certain States on general food conditions and on

future policy. Allotments of foodgrains to Madras and other States during the present year are being made according to previous plan. About supplies during 1953, the quotas have not been finally fixed.

### KOLAYAT-JAISALMER RAILWAY LINE

**156. Shri Karni Singhji:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether Government propose to take any steps for the construction of a railway line from Kolayat Station (Bikaner Division) to Jaisalmer?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** The Government are not taking any steps at present for the construction of this line.

### CONSTRUCTION OF NEW RAILWAY LINES

**157. Dr. Amin:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state when the construction of the new railway lines from Wasad-Kathana and Vishwamitri-Dholka-Bhavnagar will be completed?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** Vasad-Kathana railway line is expected to be open to traffic by 31st March 1953. As regards Vishwamitri-Dholka-Bhavnagar, no such railway line is at present under construction.

### LAC AND SHELLAC

**158. Shri P. C. Bose:** (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state what are the total quantities of production of shellac and lac in India?

(b) What quantities are exported every year and to what countries?

(c) What are the difficulties from which the industry is suffering at present?

(d) Have Government received any representation from the industry in this connection?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai):** (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 4.]

(c) (i) Unhealthy speculation which has caused price fluctuations,

(ii) Competition from foreign shellac,

(iii) Competition from substitute and synthetic products,