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Wednesday, 12th February, 1958

The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the Clock.

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair.]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Holiday Homes

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*50. { Shri Radha Raman:
Shri Rameshwar Tantia:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have under consideration any scheme for providing cheap holiday homes to their officers on similar lines as have been provided for their non-gazetted staff;

(b) if so, the main features of this proposal and when the same is expected to be finalised; and

(c) what would be the annual estimated expenditure of the project and how many officers are likely to be benefited by this scheme?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) to (c). The question of providing holiday homes for gazetted officers on the Railways similar to those provided for non-gazetted staff is under consideration. The details are yet to be finalised.

Shri Radha Raman: May I know whether it is in the consideration of the Government to acquire for these holidays homes such buildings as are available in big hill stations, so that there is a proper and better utilisation of those buildings?

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Shri Shah Nawaz Khan: I am asure this thing will also be borne in mind when we are selecting places for holiday homes.

Shri Radha Raman: May I know when the hon. Minister thinks this scheme will be finalised and whether similar schemes will also be introduced for lower staff?

Shri Shah Nawaz Khan: Perhaps the hon. Member is not aware that the scheme for lower staff has already been introduced and holiday homes for Class III and Class IV staff have already been opened. We have asked for information from various railways for opening homes for officers. Information is still coming in and we are not yet ready to open them.

श्री म० ल० द्विवेदी : इन हालिडे होम्स के लिए सरकार ने इम बर्ष कितना रुपया मुकरर किया है और यह इन्फार्मेशन जब आ जायगी, तो क्या उसको मदन के पटल पर रखा जाएगा ?

श्री शाहनवाज खान : जैसा मने कहा अभी तो हमने खबरे मागी है । रेलवेस हम को इतिला भेज रही है । जब वे आ जायगी तब उमे सदन के पटल पर रखने में हमें कोई तकलीफ महसूस नही होगी ।

Shri M. L. Dwivedi: He has not replied to a part of my question. I wanted to know the money earmarked for this purpose.

The Minister of Railways (Shri Jagjivan Ram): No money has been earmarked for this. Only the scheme is under consideration and as much money as will be necessary will be provided.

Pandit D. N. Tiwary: May I know what is the annual expenditure for holiday homes for non-gazetted officers?

Shri Shah Nawaz Khan: It is the different railways that meet the expenditure. The information is not readily available with me. I shall require notice.

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: There are only a few holidays homes, i.e. about 6 or 7 for the non-gazetted staff. Do the Railway Board propose to increase the number?

Shri Jagjivan Ram: The number will be increased to as many as will be required by Class III and Class IV staff.

Steamer Service between India and U.S.A.

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*51. { **Shri S. C. Samanta:**
Shri Barman:
Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1345 on the 19th December, 1957 and state:

(a) whether any decision has since been taken on the request for permission to float a new shipping company for operating a cargo service between India and U.S.A.; and

(b) if so, when the new company is likely to operate?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) No.

(b) No indication in this regard can be given at this stage.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know whether the estimate of the new company has been submitted to the Government and what is the estimated capital?

Shri Raj Bahadur: They have applied for an authorised capital of

Rs. 5 crores and a paid-up capital of Rs. 1 crore.

श्री रघुनाथ सिंह: इस कैपिटल में हिन्दुस्तानियों का क्या हिस्सा होगा और फारेन कनसन्स का क्या हिस्सा होगा ?

श्री राज बहादुर : अभी यह स्पष्ट नहीं है ।

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know whether they intend to use ships built in India or ships from abroad?

श्री राज बहादुर : यह चीज अभी नहीं कही जा सकती है ।

Shri Ranga: Who is going to start this? Is it going to be a private one or a company that is being encouraged by the Government of India, because the hon. Minister said that he is not quite clear whether there is going to be any foreign partnership in it or foreign ownership?

Shri Raj Bahadur: It is entirely a venture on the part of private enterprise.

Shri Ramanathan Chettiar: In view of the declared policy of the Government that Government will not encourage foreign interests in the shipping line, has the Government departed from this declared policy?

Shri Raj Bahadur: I do not think there is any such declaration that we shall not encourage them. The resolution which was passed on this subject by the Government a few years back holds the field.

Shri Heda: The hon. Minister said in reply to part (b) of the question that no indication can be given. In view of the increasing freight between U.S.A. and India, may I know why the decision is being delayed and when it will be taken?

Shri Raj Bahadur: It is a question of availability of ships and a suitable company that can float the service.