

Commissioner of Police in Calcutta got certain information from the local Japanese agent. That could not be enquired into.

Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri: Considering that this sort of thing has a very adverse effect not only on our friendly relations, but also, tourism which is a foreign exchange earner, may I know if the Government will consider looking into the question and providing extra security for the foreign seamen if necessary?

Shri Raj Bahadur: I am sorry for the incident and all that has happened. As I said, we had no representation on that score. I do not know whether this question will affect the tourist traffic to India. So far as safety and security of seamen are concerned, it is well regulated and well looked after by the port authorities and the Deputy Commissioner of police. When he got a report from the Japanese agent, he looked into that matter.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: That is what we want to know: whether the matter was reported to the Deputy Commissioner of Police, Calcutta and what action was taken in that regard.

Shri Raj Bahadur: The Deputy Commissioner stated in reply to an enquiry from the Shipping Master that apart from the above mentioned letter of the agent and the news item, no complaint has been made by any Japanese seamen to any police station in Calcutta regarding robbery or molestation. That is all the information that they have got.

Railway Lines

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 { **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:**
 { **Shri Supakar:**
 *810. { **Shri N. M. Deb:**
 { **Shri Madhusudan Rao:**
 { **Shri Subiman Ghose:**

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state what progress has been effected in respect of constructing (a) Sambalpur-Titillagarh, (b)

Bailadilla-Kotavallassa and (c) Bimalgarh-Kiriburu lines?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) On the Sambalpur-Titillagarh line contracts have been allotted for practically all the works from mile 4 to mile 40 from Sambalpur end and for 7 major bridges over the entire length. Land acquisition proceedings are also now in progress. (b) Final location survey is in progress. At the same time preliminary arrangements are being made to start the construction. (c) Final location survey has been completed and preliminary arrangements for construction are in hand.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: May I know by what time the actual construction work is likely to be undertaken?

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: In the next working season. When the rainy season is over, it will be taken up.

Shri Vidya Charan Shukla: May I know if a special organisation is set up in the Railway to undertake the construction of this new line and if so what is the precise function of that organisation?

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: An organisation has been set up of the General Manager, the three Chief Engineers and three Deputy Chief Engineers and other staff.

Shri Chintamani Panigrahi: The length of the Sambalpur-Titillagarh railway line is 110 miles. I would like to know how many miles of this railway track has been completed by now and whether by 1962, it is going to be completed?

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: Nothing has been constructed yet. It is expected to be completed by the end of 1962 or the beginning of 1963.

Shri Amjad Ali: With regard to question No. 810 (c), the hon. Minister replied that this survey has been completed and it rests with the Railway Board for their consideration.

Will the Government tell us whether they will insist on the profit of 5 per cent. to make it commercially a feasible line?

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: This is a different category altogether. This is for the export of iron ore to Japan. The two lines Sambalpur and Kiriburu lines are for the export of two million tons of iron ore by 1964. By 1966, we are to export 4 million tons more to Japan by the other line, namely the Bailadilla-Kotavallassa line.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO
QUESTIONS

Electrification of Railways

*804. { **Shri Keshava:**
Shri Subiman Ghose:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the progress made up-to-date in regard to electrification schemes on the Indian Railways?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): A statement is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 9].

Push Buttons in Ladies' Compartments

*809. **Pandit D. N. Tiwari:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the arrangement of providing push buttons in ladies' compartments of some trains for use at the time of danger has been made on all the Railways; and

(b) if so, the experience gained so far in different zones?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) Yes, except on the N.F., Southern and South Eastern Railways.

(b) This device has been brought into operation recently. No emergency has so far arisen necessitating its use.

Cochin Port

*811. **Shri Narayanankutty Menon:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether any foreign exchange has been asked for for equipment for Cochin Port during the last year of the Second Five Year Plan;

(b) whether foreign exchange asked for was sanctioned; and

(c) if so, what is the equipment to be purchased?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Sanction has been given for Rs. 6.188 lakhs so far out of a total foreign exchange of Rs. 13.438 lakhs asked for.

(c) The items of equipment to be purchased out of the foreign exchange already sanctioned are materials for renewing moorings, spares for dredgers, cranes and launches, wire ropes, additional fittings for the black oil installation, spare guard receiver for wireless set, variable speed computer, one Lister Auto-truck, one tractor and two trailers, salvage equipment for a tug, additional equipment for voltage regulator, underground cables and electric equipment for street lights. The items of equipment for which the balance of Rs. 7.25 lakhs of foreign exchange is required are a fire float and a steam dynamo for a tug.

Electric Cranes for Calcutta Port

{ **Shri P. K. Deo:**
Shri Raghunath Singh:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether electric cranes are being to be put in Calcutta Port;