

questions, as far as passenger traffic is concerned, the Indian Airlines Corporation had preferred the design of the Lockheed.

Diesel Locomotives

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 *219. { Shri A. M. Tariq:
 Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:
 Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 394 on the 16th August, 1960 and state:

(a) whether the details of the agreement with a West German Firm of diesel locomotive manufacturers for world exploitation of a major Indian invention made by Shri M. M. Suri, Deputy Director (Diesels) of the Indian Railway Research, Design and Standard Organisation at Simla, have since been finalised; and

(b) if so, the terms of the agreement?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: May I know whether any proposal has been received from Shri M. M. Suri, Deputy Director (Diesels) in this regard?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: There is no question of any proposal being received by him. He conceived a special invention and the patent has been taken over by the President. We are now in the process of entering into an agreement with the German firm for developing and exploiting that invention.

Shri Hem Barua: In view of the fact that it was said that the negotiations with the German firm were not completed, may I know at what stage the negotiations are at the present time, whether there were other international firms or other firms abroad that were interested when the Ger-

man firm said that they were interested in this project, and whether any remuneration or prize-money is going to be paid to Shri Suri for this invention?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: As was explained on the floor of this House by the hon. Minister of Railways, this Suri invention has attracted the attention and interest of all the European countries who are interested in the manufacture of diesel locomotives. It is a first-rate invention and the German firm has shown the greatest amount of interest. It is a very well reputed and well-established firm in the manufacture of diesel locomotives and it is with that object in view that that firm has been selected. Regarding any award being paid to Shri Suri, the question is too premature. First, the invention has yet to be proved. It has got to be developed and exploited. Thereafter, this question will be considered.

Shri Hem Barua: What amount of interest has been shown by the European countries in this Suri invention? It is something like love at first sight and then abandoning the interest.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: Order, order. Next question.

Damage to Eastern Railway Suburban Track

*220. **Shri Subiman Ghose:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 185 on the 5th August, 1960 regarding the damage caused to Eastern Railway Suburban track between Sheoraphali and Dearah Stations and state:

(a) whether the investigations, by West Bengal C.I.D. have since been completed;

(b) whether any miscreant has been arrested;

(c) if so, the result of the trial of such miscreant; and

(d) how much time was required for the new installation and at what cost?