

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan):** (a) Yes.

(b) The arrears of replacement on the North Eastern Railway of passenger carriages as on 31-3-1953 are estimated at about 950, but many of these are in a fit condition to continue in service for some years.

(c) Yes. The Gorakhpur Workshops are being remodelled to manufacture more coaches than they could before.

**Shri B. N. Roy:** May I know, Sir, the percentage of the coaches that ought to have been sent for repairs to the workshop and that have not been so sent?

**Shri Shah Nawaz Khan:** All the coaches that are in a satisfactory running condition are not sent to the workshops for repairs and those that require repairs are, of course, sent to the workshops.

**Shri Dhusiya:** What is the number of these coaches, Sir?

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** New coaches or old coaches?

**Shri Dhusiya:** I want to know the number of coaches that have been sent and the number that have not been sent.

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** Generally new coaches are not sent and old coaches are sent. Does the hon. Member want new coaches also to be sent?

**Shri P. T. Chacko:** Is the Government considering purchasing timber from Burma for making coaches in India?

**Shri Shah Nawaz Khan:** I should like to have notice for this question.

**Pandit D. N. Tiwary:** What is the capacity of the Gorakhpur workshop to produce coaches?

**Shri Shah Nawaz Khan:** The producing capacity is 72 coaches per year. But we hope that by the year 1955-56, it may be increased to 100 coaches.

**Shri Barman:** Sir, is it a fact that some of the coaches in this railway are absolutely rotten and the roofs are leaky? The hon. Minister has said that by 31st March, 1953, there were 950 coaches that required replacement, but some will be usable for some years. May I know how many of these will be replaced in the year 1953-54?

**Shri Shah Nawaz Khan:** I fully agree with the hon. Member that...

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** He should answer only the operative portion of the question, which is, how many new coaches will be put on the line in 1953.

**Shri Shah Nawaz Khan:** We have already received 101 coaches and some more are coming. This year we hope to put 186 new coaches on that line from German factories, and we hope to put another 60 coaches by the end of this year from Jessup & Co., which is a British firm, making a total of 246 coaches.

**Shri G. P. Sinha:** Is it a fact that there is a certain fixed time within which a coach has to go for repair to the workshop, and may I know why many of the coaches have not been sent to the workshop for repair during the scheduled time?

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** This question is about manufacture, not about repairs.

**Shri Sarmah:** What is the number of coaches to be placed in the metre gauge section?

**The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri):** You mean the total number of coaches in the metre gauge section of the railways throughout the country?

**Shri Sarmah:** Assam has got only metre gauge.

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** This question relates to the North Eastern Railway. Whatever relates to facts and figures may be obtained by tabling a separate question.

परशियन गल्फ जापान काङ्ग्रेस

\*११४२. श्री रघुनाथ सिंह : क्या वातायात मंत्री यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या भारत सरकार को मालूम है कि कराची में "परशियन गल्फ जापान काङ्ग्रेस" संगठित हुई है ;

(ख) क्या इस संगठन के अस्तर्गत जलपोत भारतीय तटवर्ती व्यापार में भी भाग लेंगे ; तथा

(ग) क्या कुछ जहाजी कम्पनियां इस संगठन की सदस्य हैं और क्या वे भारतीय तटवर्ती व्यापार में भी भाग लेंगे ?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):** (a) Government have seen the Press reports that have appeared regarding the formation of a Japan/Persian Gulf Shipping Conference, but beyond these they have no information in the matter.

(b) and (c). No. The Indian coastal trade has been reserved for Indian Shipping and there is no question of any foreign shipping company being allowed to participate in that trade.

**श्री रघुनाथ सिंह:** कै लाइन्स इस सरविस में वर्क करेंगी और बम्बई और हिंदुस्तान के जो दीगर पोर्ट हैं वहां पर आवेंगी या नहीं, क्या यह बात मालूम है? इस कान्फ्रेंस में जो बात तय हुई है वह यह हुई है कि दस लाइन्स इस में वर्क करेंगी और वह बम्बई और हिंदुस्तान के जो पोर्ट्स हैं उन में आवेंगी, तो इस संबंध में कोई सलाह भारत सरकार से ली गई है या नहीं ?

**श्री शाहनवाज खां:** इस सिलसिले में सरकारी तौर पर भारत सरकार को काई इल्म नहीं है और हम ने भी वही अखबार की खबर पढ़ी है जो मेरे आनरेबिल दोस्त ने पढ़ी है।

**श्री रघुनाथ सिंह:** क्या इस में जांच करने की आप कोई कोशिश करेंगे ?

**रेल तथा यातायात मंत्री (श्री एल० बी० शास्त्री):** यह जहाज अगर हिन्दुस्तान के पोर्ट पर आना चाहें तो उस में तो किसी तरह की टिकावट नहीं हो सकती, किसी फारेन गवर्नमेंट के लिये बन्धन नहीं है। लेकिन वह हमारी कोस्टल शिपिंग में हिस्सा ले सकें इस बात के लिये उन्हें इजाजत लेनी पड़ेगी।

**Dr. M. M. Das:** May I know whether the monopoly for coastal shipping

given to the Indian companies has resulted in abnormally high freights for the coastal shipping?

**Shri L. B. Shastri:** We have not received any such complaint either from the Indian Shipowners' Association or from any other organisation.

**Shri G. P. Sinha:** May I know whether Government is associated in the fixation of freight for this shipping?

**Shri L. B. Shastri:** No. It is the function of the shipping company.

#### CIRCULAR RAILWAY AROUND DELHI

**\*1143. Shri M. L. Dwivedi:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had abandoned their scheme of a Circular Railway round about Delhi to link up the various townships of displaced persons, forming Greater Delhi;

(b) if so, which major considerations led them to do so;

(c) what other alternatives Government have thought to meet this requirement; and

(d) how long it will take for them to materialize?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):** (a) and (b). The Ministry of Railways had drawn up no scheme for a Circular Railway round about Delhi to link up the various townships of displaced persons and the question of abandonment does not therefore arise.

(c) and (d). Do not arise.

**श्री एम० एल० द्विवेदी:** दिल्ली की बड़ी हुई आबादी को देखते हुए क्या सरकार ने यह जरूरी नहीं समझा कि यहां पर भी रेल की सुविधा देनी चाहिये ?

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** It is a suggestion for action

**Shri M. L. Dwivedi:** May I know...

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** He is arguing the need for having such a railway.

**Shri M. L. Dwivedi:** No, Sir. I want to ask another question.

दिल्ली के आसपास रेलवे बनाने के लिये सरकार ने कोई नाप जोख या कोई जांच