

special provision has been made for managing agency commission, and if so, what it is?

Shri Alagesan: They are all details; I do not have them with me here.

Shri Kelappan: What is the total share of the Government in the capital of this concern?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: He gave it.

Shri Alagesan: 74 per cent.—222 lakhs.

Shri Kelappan: What is the total capital?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: 3 crores.

Shri Alagesan: I gave all that in the answer.

EXTENSION OF ROAD TRANSPORT SERVICE IN HYDERABAD

*1265. **Shri Vittal Rao:** (a) Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state how Government propose to invest the sum of Rs. 22 lakhs provided for in the Budget for Road Transport Services in Hyderabad State?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): The provision of Rs. 22 lakhs in the Railway Budget for road transport services in the Hyderabad State is a tentative one for investment as the Railways' share of the capital in the proposed state road transport corporation.

Shri Vittal Rao: May I know, Sir, whether any interest will be charged as and when the investment is made?

Shri Alagesan: The Railway participate in the establishment of the Road Transport Corporation by putting in capital.

PORTUGUESE RAILWAY

*1266. **Shri K. C. Sodhia:** (a) Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the total length of Portuguese Railway worked by the Southern Railway?

(b) Where is the company, owning this railway registered?

(c) When is the contract of this company going to expire?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) 51.04 miles.

(b) In England.

(c) The Contract between the Government of India and the Company

owning the W.I.P. Railway, in regard to the working of this Railway will expire on 1-1-1956.

Shri K. C. Sodhia: Cannot the agreement be terminated now?

Shri Alagesan: No, Sir.

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): Why should it be?

Shri Jaipal Singh: What are the reasons for the Company promoting this being registered in England?

Shri Alagesan: Sir, it has been registered in England and we are only working agents; it runs in Portuguese India.

Shri K. K. Basu: May I know whether the Government gets any remuneration or commission as the working agents?

Shri Alagesan: Yes, Sir.

OVERCROWDING IN BOMBAY SUBURBAN TRAINS

*1267. **Shri Gidwai:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any overcrowding in suburban trains in Bombay even after the recent increase in trains since January, 1953 on each of the Central and Western Railways;

(b) whether and if so, how many more coaches are needed to reduce overcrowding in the suburban trains of each of the Central and Western Railways;

(c) whether any more suburban coaches were received in 1952-53 and whether any are expected in 1953-54;

(d) if so, how many;

(e) whether any orders are going to be placed for more suburban coaches, on each of the Central and Western Railways; and

(f) if so, for how many and when?
The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) Yes.

(b) It is difficult to assess exactly how many coaches would be required to eliminate overcrowding completely. A rough estimate would be over fifty.

(c) and (d). Yes. 16 were received during 1952-53 by the Western Railway. None are expected in 1953-54.

(e) and (f). The Rolling Stock programme is now being examined and the need for more coaches will be considered. No decision has yet been made on the composition of the programme.