

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: The hon. Member must give notice of the question.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: This relates only to the composition of the Committee.

TIMINGS OF PASSENGER TRAINS RUNNING BETWEEN RAJAHMUNDRY, VIJAYAWADA AND GUDUR

***1021. Shri Nanadas:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the timings of the Passenger trains running between Rajahmundry, Vijayawada, Gudur and Madras are not convenient to the passengers travelling during day time on court and other business;

(b) whether it is a fact that the train connections to branch lines at Vijayawada, Gudur and Renigunta Stations are such that passengers have to travel by buses; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to revise the train timings for the said stations so as to suit the convenience of the passengers travelling during day time?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) No.

(b) No, considering that the number of main line trains arriving at Vijayawada, Gudur and Renigunta is greater than that of the trains from these stations on each of the branch lines connected therewith and also the requirements of the local traffic to and from these stations to be catered for in respect of the branch lines, the connections provided are reasonable. Information available does not show that passengers travel by buses due to the present connections at Vijayawada, Gudur and Renigunta.

(c) The train timings at Rajahmundry, Vijayawada and Gudur have been arranged taking into consideration the overall requirements to be met and the availability of coaches and locomotives, etc. The changes in train timings that are proposed to be introduced from 16th April 1953, will also go to improve the position.

Shri Nanadas: May I know, Sir, whether the Government are aware of the fact that the parcel passenger running between Vishakhapatnam and Madras is not convenient to the people attending Courts, schools and colleges as it is running during nights and the Janata Express.....

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: What is it— an argument or a lecture? Only questions ought to be put here.

Shri Nanadas: Yes, I am only putting a question.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: Mr. Murthy.

Shri B. S. Murthy: Do Government know that these trains are overcrowded, and may I know what steps are being taken to relieve the congestion?

Shri Alagesan: There is very much less overcrowding in the trains now.

Shri Raghuramaiah: May I know whether there is any train between Vijayawada and Madras, apart from the early morning train and the Express, on which long distance travel alone is permitted, at a convenient hour between 8 A.M. and 2 P.M.?

Shri Alagesan: I think, Sir, the hon. Member knows it better than myself.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: So far as these things are concerned, time-tables are published everywhere. Questions on whatever is contained in these time-tables ought not to be put here on the floor of the House.

Shri Raghuramaiah: In view of the fact that there is no convenient train between 8 A.M. and 2 P.M., will the Government please consider having such a train run on that line?—

Shri Alagesan: I am prepared to discuss the question with the Members coming from that area.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: If hon. Members want information about timings, number of trains and so on, they can find it in the time-table. If they want to utilise this opportunity for making suggestions, hon. Members can always see the Minister or write to him. Next question.

Shri Raghavaiah: I have got a supplementary.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: I know the hon. Member has got many supplementaries, but unfortunately I cannot allow them. I have called the next question.

Shri Raghavaiah: In view of the fact that we all come from that area, we should be allowed to put one supplementary and get his answer.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: Not now. The hon. Member can write and get the information.