

could not be made in regard to their night-rest, dormitories etc., we decided to keep the scheme in abeyance. Pending decision on these questions, the list of temporary girl operators has swollen up.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF OFFICIAL TRAVEL ORGANISATIONS

*556. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** (a) Will the Minister of **Transport** be pleased to state whether India was represented at the Eighth General International Conference and General Assembly of the Official Travel Organisations held at Lisbon in the month of October, 1953?

(b) If so, has the representative submitted any report?

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

(b) The report is awaited.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know what was the agenda, particularly with reference to India, that was discussed at this meeting?

Shri Alagesan: It contained several items. I can give it to the hon. Member, if he wants it. Problems of general tourist interest were discussed at the conference.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know whether the delegate who went as a representative of India, was given any particular brief by the Ministry?

Shri Alagesan: Yes, he was certainly briefed.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know what that brief was like?

Mr. Speaker: Possibly, the hon. Minister may place it on the Table of the House or give it to him privately.

Shri Alagesan: I can share it with him privately.

Shri N. M. Lingam: Is it a fact that a branch of this Organisation is going

to be opened in Bombay, and if so, are Government going to give any aid towards the same?

Shri Alagesan: There is another branch consisting of the South East Asian countries, of which India was president, and Japan is president now. There is no proposal to open an additional office in Bombay.

Mr. Speaker: Next question.

Shri D. C. Sharma: One question, Sir.

Mr. Speaker: It is too late now, I am going to the next question.

COVERED PLATFORMS ON NORTHERN RAILWAY

*557. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** (a) Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state the names of the stations on the Northern Railway where platforms are proposed to be covered during the year 1953-54?

(b) How many of these are on branch line and how many on main line?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) In all 56 stations on the Northern Railway have been included for this purpose in the 1953-54 Works Programme and a list of these is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix III annexure No. 30.]

(b) 37 on main line and 19 on branch line.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know the policy of Government with regard to covering the platforms of these stations? How are the representations from the people of these areas being considered?

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri): The Railway Zonal Users' Committee draw up the list. They have also appointed a small sub-committee called the Passenger Amenities Committee, which