

OVERAGED LOCOMOTIVES

*972. **Shri H. S. Prasad:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state :

(a) the number of overaged locomotives running on line in the North Eastern Railway that require replacement; and

(b) the time within which these are expected to be replaced?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) At present there are 294 overaged locomotives running on line.

(b) Replacement is being planned over a period of about five years.

Shri H. S. Prasad: May I know whether the replacement of locomotives will be made by those manufactured in India or by those purchased from outside?

Shri Alagesan: It is both.

Pandit D. N. Tiwary: Is Government aware that due to the troubles given by these engines, passengers often miss their connections and are put to inconvenience?

Shri Alagesan: There might have been such cases.

Shri Muniswamy: May I know which kind of locomotive—whether it is the indigenous manufactured or that imported from foreign countries—that gives better service?

Shri Alagesan: They are equally good, both.

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: May I know if the average life—average age of locomotives utilised on these Railways is twenty years?

Shri Alagesan: I do not have the figure.

AIR-CONDITIONED COACHES

*973. **Shri M. D. Joshi:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the number of air-conditioned coaches that are at present running on the different zones of the Indian Railways?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): Central 11, Eastern 12, Northern 5, Southern 7, Western 17.

Shri M. D. Joshi: Is the number going to be augmented?

Shri Alagesan: Yes, we have got a programme of construction.

Shri M. D. Joshi: How much expenditure will it involve?

Shri Alagesan: I cannot give the figure off-hand.

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: Are air-conditioned coaches introduced in all trains where first class has been abolished?

Shri Alagesan: Not in all trains but in most of the trains where first class has been abolished we have got these coaches.

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: How many air-conditioned coaches do the Railway Administration propose to put in every year?

Shri Alagesan: We propose to construct about 228 broad gauge and 126 metre gauge coaches.

Shri K. K. Basu: What proportion of these air-conditioned coaches are manufactured or assembled in India and what proportion imported from outside?

Shri Alagesan: All the coaches are made here.

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*९७५. श्री आर० सी० शर्मा : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) ऐसी कितनी रेलवे लाइनें हैं जिन पर किराया प्रति मील पर डेढ़ मील के हिसाब से लिया जाता है;

(ख) ऐसी रेलवे लाइनें कुल कितने मील लम्बी हैं; और

(ग) किन सिद्धान्तों के आधार पर इस प्रकार किराये का हिसाब लगाया जाता है ?