

## 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.

## रेल के किराए

\*१७५. 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 ?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** (a) Four.

(b) Actual mileage of these railway lines is as follows:—

	Miles.
Hardwar-Dehra Dun.	32.25
Gwalior-Shivpuri.	74.45
Gwalior-Sheopur-Kalan.	124.15
Ujjain-Agra.	41.50

(c) Higher fares are charged on account of special factors, such as, higher cost of construction, maintenance and working.

**Shri R. C. Sharma:** May I know whether on Gwalior-Sheopur line there is no such condition as to charge enhanced rate of fare?

**Shri Alagesan:** It is because the conditions that I just mentioned obtain that the enhanced fare is being charged.

**Shri R. C. Sharma:** May I know how many miles long there is hilly track in this on account of which there is this enhanced charge?

**Mr. Speaker:** He wants to know for what length of any track this enhanced charge is made—is there any standard rule, that is what he means—and if there is so much of mileage of hilly track to justify the additional charge.

**The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri):** It does not depend upon the mileage.

**Shri U. M. Trivedi:** Is it a fact that this enhanced fare has been abolished on other railways recently?

**Shri Alagesan:** On sixteen sections they were abolished. Now they are being retained on fourteen sections on the whole.

#### "ASHA" CARGO SHIP

\*976. **Shri L. Jogeswar Singh:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that fifty-three Indian crew of the Cargo Ship "Asha" with 5,000 tons of scrap iron for Japan, owned by the Jhajar

Trading Company of Calcutta, refused to continue their voyage to Japan beyond Singapore and demanded return to India;

(b) whether it is a fact that the ship was old and unseaworthy;

(c) whether it is a fact that the ship will now be towed to Japan and sold there as scrap; and

(d) what steps Government have so far taken or propose to take against this Company for using unseaworthy ship?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** (a) Yes. Fifty-four members of the crew (8 officers and 46 men) and the Master of the ship refused to continue their voyage to Japan beyond Singapore and asked for repatriation to India.

(b) Though old, the ship was in possession of all Certificates in respect of seaworthiness when she sailed from Bombay on 24th December, 1953.

(c) Yes.

(d) Does not arise in view of the reply to part (b) above.

**Shri L. Jogeswar Singh:** May I know whether the crew have arrived in India?

**Shri Alagesan:** Perhaps they will be arriving tomorrow.

**Shri Amjad Ali:** Before the ship left Indian waters was there a certificate of its seaworthiness?

**Shri Alagesan:** Yes, it was in possession of all the certificates.

#### BARS LIGHT RAILWAY

\*978. **Shri H. G. Vaishnav:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the value of the rolling stock on the date of taking over the Bars Light Railway?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** The book value is Rs. 47,70,745/-.

**Shri H. G. Vaishnav:** May I know the number of the locomotives?