

Carriage of Goods by Sea Act as enforced by the exporting countries.

Shri Dabhi: May I know whether the Estimates Committee has stated that the present state of affairs in the matter of lodging claims for short landing losses is unsatisfactory, and if so, whether Government is taking steps in the matter?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: Unfortunately, though the Estimates Committee has stated as the hon. Member has said, we cannot help in the matter because it is governed by international conventions, laws and practices. No shipping company is coming forward to make good the losses that occur due to natural causes such as evaporation and such other causes. We are trying our best to see if any shipping company is prepared to make good such losses, but so far none of the shipping companies has come forward.

Shri T. N. Singh: May I know, Sir, what is the normal loss allowable under the international code for dry-gage purposes?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: With the same idea, we had written to the U.K. Government, because U.K. is one of the biggest importers from the same source from which we are importing. The U.K. Government have written to us that they make a claim only when the percentage of loss goes above three, whereas in our case it is 0.6 per cent.

KUMBH MELA

*1087. **Shri Krishnacharya Joshi:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of passengers who travelled to Allahabad from various parts of India during the Kumbh Mela; and

(b) the total income to the Railway Department in this connection?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) On the basis of returns received upto the period ending 20th February 1954, the number of persons booked to the

Kumbh area was 15,04,772 and the outward traffic, back from the Kumbh area, was 15,88,073.

(b) Figures are not yet available.

Shri Krishnacharya Joshi: May I know, Sir, what was the expenditure incurred by the Railway Department for running extra trains and special trains and for making other arrangements for Kumbh Mela?

Shri Alagesan: The total cost of making other arrangements may be estimated roughly at Rs. 45 lakhs. I cannot give the cost of running extra trains.

Shri Krishnacharya Joshi: May I know, Sir, how many passengers died and how many were injured while entraining or detraining during Kumbh Mela on account of great rush?

Shri Alagesan: Sir, a few unfortunate cases of death have come to our notice as a result of travelling on the roofs of trains. I do not have the number.

Shri Krishnacharya Joshi: What was the total number of ticketless travellers?

Shri Alagesan: It is difficult to estimate.

Pandit Munishwar Datt Upadhyay: May I know, Sir, whether a number of passenger trains were stopped from coming to Allahabad on the 2nd and 3rd of February on account of the rush at the Mela, and if so, what is the estimated number of passengers who could not reach the place on those dates?

Shri Alagesan: It is rather difficult to say. It is true that on the 3rd of February, because of the unfortunate incident that occurred in the Kumbh area, many of the trains that were to have come there were stopped for a few hours. I cannot give the number of passengers who were prevented from coming into the Allahabad area.