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LOK SABHA

Wednesday, 21st December, 1955

The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the Clock

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Inland Steam Vessels

*1045. Shri Shree Narayan Das : Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal with regard to amending the Inland Steam Vessels Act, 1917 with a view to confer on the Central and State Governments the power to regulate the recruitment of crews on inland steam vessels as recommended by the Ganga-Brahmaputra Water Transport Board has been considered and decision taken thereon; and

(b) if so, the decision of Government in this matter?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan) : (a) and (b). Government have agreed in principle with the recommendation of the Ganga-Brahmaputra Water Transport Board and proposals for amendment of the Inland Steam Vessels Act, 1917 have been forwarded to the State Governments of Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Bihar and Assam for comments.

Shri Shree Narayan Das : May I know when the amending measure is likely to come and whether it will be considered by the State Government or by the Central Government?

Shri Alagesan : The Centre will have to enact the legislation.

Shri Shree Narayan Das : May I know whether the opinions of the State Governments have been received so far?

Shri Alagesan : They have not yet been received; we are awaiting them.

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Tele-Communications Research Centre

*1046. Sardar Hukam Singh : Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether the envisaged Tele-communications Research Centre has been established and has started functioning; and

(b) whether a suitable Director was found in India or had to be imported from abroad?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur) : (a) The Centre is being established and is expected to start functioning shortly.

(b) A suitable Indian Officer has been appointed as the Director.

Shri A. M. Thomas : May I know where this Centre is going to be established?

Shri Raj Bahadur : At Delhi.

मध्य भारत में रेलवे परिवहन

*१०४७. श्री अमर सिंह डामर : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि मालवा चेम्बर आफ कामर्स, इन्दौर (मध्य भारत) ने सरकार के पास अनेक जापन भेजे हैं जिनमें गेज परिवर्तन के स्थानों पर परिवहन सुविधाओं की अपर्याप्तता, अनेक जंक्शनों पर माल के अधिक जमा होने, लाली और भरे हुए डिब्बों के आवागमन में सामंजस्य का अभाव और माल के डिब्बों के देर से लौटने की शिकायत की गई है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार इस विषय में क्या कार्यवाही करने का विचार करती है ?