

LOK SABHA

Tuesday, 3rd April, 1956

*The Lok Sabha met at Half Past Ten of the Clock*

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

CINEMA SHOWS IN TRAINS

\*1085. **Shri Radha Raman** : Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have since started, as an experiment, exhibition of cinema shows in certain trains ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) whether these shows will be free or any charges will be made from the passengers?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan)** : (a) No;

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The question of collection of nominal charge is being considered.

**Shri Radha Raman** : May I know whether the Government have sanctioned any amount for the exhibition of these cinema shows in trains?

**Shri Shahnawaz Khan** : I do not quite get the hon. Member's point. What amount is he referring to?

**Shri Radha Raman** : I simply wanted to know if you have in order to experiment the cinema shows in train, set aside any, amount to be spent on them and, if so, what is that amount?

**Shri Shahnawaz Khan** : We have one broad gauge coach fitted with a 16 mm. projector and we are getting the film reels from the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

**Shri Radha Raman** : May I know whether the cinema shows will be held while the train is stationary or the train is moving.

**Shri Shahnawaz Khan** : Mostly when the train is moving.

**Shri Veeraswamy** : May I know, if any nominal charge is imposed on the travelling public, whether the Government are sure that there will be any response from the public?

**Shri Shahnawaz Khan** : From what one sees outside, it would appear that there would be plenty of response.

**Shri Velayudhan** : May I know whether the third class passengers will be allowed to see these cinema shows, or these will be restricted to upper class passengers only?

**Shri Shahnawaz Khan** : No, Sir. It is meant primarily for the third class passengers.

**Shri Radha Raman** : May I know.....

**Mr. Speaker** : We will go to the next question. Let us wait and see. When the films are put up all Members can see.

REPAYMENT OF SHIPPING LOANS

\*1087. **Shri Keshavaiengar** : Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state :

(a) whether the loans of about 20 crores of rupees advanced for the purchase of ships for coastal and overseas trade have begun to be repaid ; and