

**Shri Bansilal :** One more question, Sir.

**Mr. Speaker :** No, no. I have seen the questions.

**Shri Bansilal :** May I know whether the Government is contemplating to enact some legislation regarding the indiscriminate putting up of statues of Mahatma Gandhi in public places?

**Mr. Speaker :** That does not arise out of this question which relates to railway stations.

**Shri R. K. Gupta :** 1101.

**Shri Krishnacharya Joshi :** Question No. 1128 also may be taken up.

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan) :** The one relates to the Northern Railway and the other to Southern Railway.

**Mr. Speaker :** The hon. Parliamentary Secretary is not willing. He may answer one now and the other later.

#### DIESEL CARS

\*1101. **Shri R. K. Gupta :** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal before Government to introduce diesel cars on Metre Gauge Section of Northern Railways; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan) :** (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix VI, annexure 23]

**श्री शार० के० गुप्त :** इस स्टेटमेंट में यह दर्ज है कि दो नई गाड़ियां और चालू की जायेंगी। क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि वह नई गाड़ियां किन किन रूट्स पर चालू की जायेंगी ?

**श्री शहानवाज खां :** ग्रानरेबल मੈम्बर को शायद यह मालूम नहीं है कि यह गाड़ियां इस बक्त चल रही हैं। एक दिल्ली, सरायरोहिला हिसार लाइन पर चल रही है और दूसरी दिल्ली, सरायरोहिला, लोहारू लाइन पर चल रही है।

**Shri A. M. Thomas :** May I know whether it is a fact that the change-over will be easy in the case diesel traction with regard to lines wherein Government propose to introduce electrification? May I also enquire whether the Railway Ministry has drawn up any comprehensive plan with regard to the introduction of diesel traction with a view to electrification?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan) :** This is a question relating to the rail-cars. It does not deal with diesel traction as such. As an experiment we are trying these rail cars in the Southern Railway and Northern Railway. After the results of the experiments are available, the intention is to extend the rail car services to other Railways also.

**Sardar Iqbal Singh :** May I know whether the Government propose to run more cars on those sections of the Northern Railway such as between Amritsar and Jullundar where there is more overcrowding?

**The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri) :** There is greater overcrowding on the metre gauge section. Therefore, we have decided to run them on the metre gauge sections.

**Shri Raghavaiah :** May I know on which part of the Southern Railway this experiment is being carried on? The hon. Minister. . . .

**Mr. Speaker :** The hon. Member has put the question.

**Shri Alagesan :** Both on the broad gauge and the metre gauge.

**Shri Raghavaiah :** May I know whether the Government propose to experiment this on the overcrowded line like Bezwada-Madras?

**Shri Alagesan :** Not on the section between Bezwada and Madras. There are other crowded sections where the broad gauge diesel cars, as soon as they are received, will be put on.