

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** Order, please. I am not concerned with what the original report said. That may be relevant on another question. The scope of this question is very small.

#### BHAVNAGAR-TARAPUR LINE

\*479. **Shri Dabhi:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state at what stage is the proposal for the construction of Bhavnagar-Tarapur broad-gauge line on the Western Railway?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):** It is proposed to undertake an Engineering Survey and a revision of the 1953 Traffic Survey of the line during the year 1956-57.

**Shri Dabhi:** May I know whether the construction of this line is likely to be taken up during the Second Five Year Plan period?

**Shri Shahnawaz Khan:** We will wait till the survey is completed.

#### SHIPPING

\*480. **Sardar Hukam Singh:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) whether the First Five Year Plan target for the development of the Indian Mercantile Marine is likely to be achieved within the Plan period;

(b) if not, the short-fall feared; and

(c) the loans advanced by Government to Indian Shipping Companies for acquisition of ships?

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

(b) The short-fall is likely to be about 1,10,000 GRT but ships of a total tonnage of about 1,20,000 GRT are under various stages of construction in Indian and foreign yards.

(c) Loans have so far been sanctioned to the Indian Shipping Companies to the extent of Rs. 2,428 crores approximately for acquisition of ships.

**Sardar Hukam Singh:** May I know what percentage of the total cargo is expected to be carried by our own marine, now that the first Five Year Plan has ended?

**Shri Shahnawaz Khan:** Five per cent.

**Sardar Hukam Singh:** What increase in the percentage is expected to be achieved by the end of the Second Plan?

**Shri Shahnawaz Khan:** 10 per cent. more; that is, 15 per cent. of the total trade.

**Shrimati Ila Palchoudhury:** Is there any proposal for building oil tankers in view of the fact that we are having so many oil refineries?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** There is one private company which has already purchased an oil tanker.

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** It was only yesterday that it was answered.

**Shrimati Ila Palchoudhury:** The question was whether we are building any oil tankers.

**Shri Alagesan:** We are not building.

**Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:** What were the reasons for the short-fall in the First Five Year Plan target as mentioned by the hon. Parliamentary Secretary?

**Shri Shahnawaz Khan:** Firstly, those firms have not been able to cope up with the orders that were placed, according to the scheduled dates. Secondly, we have had to scrap more shipping tonnage than we actually envisaged in the first instance.

**Shri Joachim Alva:** In drawing up the target for the Second Plan, do the Government draw lessons from the history of the development of shipping in other countries, namely, Britain, which, at the end of the war rose to the second position and the USA built its marine fleet three times of what it had in 1939?

**Shri Shahnawaz Khan:** We try and benefit from the experience of all the other nations, keeping in view our limitations.

**Shri M. D. Joshi:** May I now whether any loan has been advanced for constructing new ships for passenger lines on the west coast?

**Shri Alagesan:** I should like to have a separate question. I am not just now able to reply to that question.

**Shri Sarangadhar Das:** May I know how far the Vizagapatam shipyard is behind schedule, or, is it up to schedule in constructing ships that have been ordered by the various shipping companies?

**Shri Alagesan:** Their delivery dates have to be changed many a time. They were not able to keep up to the schedule.

**Shri Sarangadhar Das:** How far behind?

**Shri Alagesan:** I should like to have notice. I do not have the various months and other details, now.

**Pandit K. C. Sharma:** What is the machinery to control the spending of the money which is lent by the Government?

**Shri Alagesan:** The amounts are granted on good security. Of late, we are also having a Government director on the Board of Directors of the companies which receive the loans.

**Pandit K. C. Sharma:** Have the Board of Directors given you any report whatsoever? How is the money spent? Has the Minister any comment to make on the expenditure?

**Shri Alagesan:** Money is advanced on the ships purchased.

#### INDIAN RAILWAY ROLLING STOCK IN GOA

**\*481. Shri Gidwani:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether the Railway Rolling Stock which was being used to run the Railways in Goa has been taken over by Government?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):** Yes. Except a few wagons which were condemned and were not fit to be moved, the

rest was brought over to the Southern Railway.

**Shri Gidwani:** May I know whether any claim has been lodged regarding the remaining wagons? What is the amount that we have received for it?

**Shri Shahnawaz Khan:** No claim has been lodged. There are some very old and condemned wagons that have been left behind. From the Southern Railway's stock only one wagon has been left behind, because it could not be moved. There were some very old wagons belonging to the old MSM Railway which were used for work in the Marmagoa harbour. There were 80 such wagons. 56 have been removed. The remaining 24 are lying there, because it is not possible to move them, and we are trying to dispose of them.

#### RAILWAY LINE TO SHAHEED NAGAR

**\*483, Shri N. B. Chowdhury:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the initial expenditure incurred by the Government in connecting Shaheed Nagar with the nearest railway station;

(b) whether it is a fact that the preliminary plan was later on dropped; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):** (a) Rs. 2,500.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The area selected for construction was affected by the floods in the Punjab and retained flood water at a number of spots even in December 1955.

**Shri N. B. Chowdhury:** May I know the estimated income from this investment?

**Shri Shahnawaz Khan:** It was proposed to construct a railway station there, but because of the flood, the proposal was given up and only some earthwork was done. The earth was collected, and we propose to utilise that earth for something else. There is no income from this.