

Shri V. Muniswamy : May I know whether it has been brought to the notice of the Government that the extra-departmental employees at present are working almost for an equal number of hours as the regular employees and whether this fact was taken into consideration for the revision of the pay-scales of extra-departmental employees?

Shri K. D. Malaviya : In certain regions it may be true. In those areas, the heads of the offices have been authorised to increase the allowances on a certain basis. Therefore, whenever they have to work more, they will receive more allowance.

Alarm Chains

*616. **Shri Bibhuti Mishra :** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Railway authorities of various zones have discontinued 'alarm chains' in passenger trains;

(b) if so, the reason thereof; and

(c) whether there is any substitute method for 'alarm chains' in case of unexpected danger?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan) : (a) Alarm chains have been discontinued on certain trains on the Northern, North-Eastern, Eastern and South-Eastern Railways.

(b) Frequent and mischievous use of the apparatus, resulting in dislocation of train services.

(c) There is no alternative arrangement in the compartments. But the vacuum brake remains operative on the train engine and in the Guard's brake-van and guards and engine crew have instructions to be specially vigilant and to stop the trains, when so required.

श्री बिभूति मिश्र : सरकार ने जिन जिन जगहों पर से इन एलार्म चेस (सतरे की जंजीरों) को हटाया है, उन जगहों में से किसी जगह से लोगों की तरफ से क्या सरकार के पास ऐसी शिकायतें आई हैं, कि इससे लोगों को असुविधा का सामना करना पड़ रहा है ?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan : I do not follow the question.

Mr. Speaker : Does the hon. Member want to know the alternative arrangement? What is his question?

श्री बिभूति मिश्र : मेरा प्रश्न यह है कि सरकार ने जिन जगहों पर से इन एलार्म चेस

को हटाया है क्या वहां की जनता की तरफ से सरकार के पास कुछ ऐसी शिकायतें आई हैं कि इनके हट जाने से उनको कठिनाइयों का सामना करना पड़ रहा है ?

श्री शाहनवाज खान : कोई खास शिकायतें तो नहीं आई हैं ।

Shri S. C. Samanta : May I know if all the female compartments will have alarm chains?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan : Yes; the ladies compartments have alarm chains.

Steel Foundry

*617. **Shri Bhagwat Jha Asad :** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up any steel foundry at Chittaranjan Locomotive Works; and

(b) if so, the details of the same?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan) : (a) Yes.

(b) The factory is being planned for an out-turn of about 7,000 tons of steel castings per year with a possible future expansion to 10,000 tons.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Asad : May I know the extra expenditure that is likely to be incurred on the expansion project?

Shri Alagesan : We have been promised some assistance by the Technical Co-operation Mission also for this project. The whole project, including the township etc., is estimated to cost about 6 million dollars.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Asad : What will be the assistance that is expected from the Technical Co-operation Mission?

Mr. Speaker : In terms of money.

Shri Alagesan : About 50 per cent of the total expenditure; 2 1/2 to 3 million dollars is expected to be available under development assistance; that will be spent more or less entirely in the purchase of plant and machinery etc.

Shri Mohiuddin : The establishment of steel foundries is being examined by the Development Corporation under the Commerce and Industry Ministry; is this steel foundry in addition to those foundries?

Shri Alagesan : Yes.

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*619. **Shri Gidwanji :** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a large quantity of steel and steel products lie piled