

Shri Jaipal Singh : In view of the fact that these aircraft are registered in our country, what arrangements have Government for the periodical checking of these aircraft ?

Shri K. D. Malaviya : I learn that certain arrangements have been made with these aircraft for periodical checking, and as soon as those precautions which have been taken are satisfactorily checked up, their registration is renewed. Otherwise, they are de-registered.

Shri Jaipal Singh : Are we to understand that arrangements have been made for the periodical checking of the aircraft in the countries they are operating in, or do the aircraft come to our country to be checked ?

Shri K. D. Malaviya : I do not know, but there are certain arrangements which have been made. Subject to correction, perhaps they are checked in our country.

Shri Kasliwal : In which foreign countries are these aircraft operating ?

Shri K. D. Malaviya : In the neighbouring countries, Arabia and in some of the eastern countries. Some of these foreign companies operate in Kashmir through the UNO also.

Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha : What is the underlying idea and specific advantage in those aircraft being registered here and then operating there ?

Shri K. D. Malaviya : Just to open up areas and give experience to our own boys and to establish relations with the neighbouring countries.

Shri G. S. Singh : Is the hon. Minister aware that these pilots operating these aircraft are flying longer hours as laid down in the regulations and if so, has the Director-General of Civil Aviation got any means of checking their health and licensing them as they happen to stay outside the country for periods of more than two or three years ?

Shri K. D. Malaviya : It seems to me a suggestion. I will pass on the suggestion to the Minister.

Re-railing Device

* 626. **Shri Raghunath Singh :** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether it is a fact that a new re-railing device developed by a West German firm and demonstrated at several places in India proved to be useful for Indian Railways ?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan) : The new Re-Railing equipment recently demonstrated at Dohad and Lower Parel Workshops of the Western Railway and at

Narculdanga Loco shed (Calcutta Sealdah) on the Eastern Railway has been reported as useful to the requirements of the Indian Railways.

The questions of obtaining this equipment on a few Railways is under consideration.

Shri Raghunath Singh : When is it going to be introduced in India ?

Shri Shah Nawaz Khan : I have just said that the matter is under consideration.

Fakirgram-Amingaon Line

* 627. **Shri Amjad Ali :** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the protective measures that have been taken to protect the line from Fakirgram to Amingaon in North-Eastern Railways ?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan) : The protection works at Gourang, Aie and Dulani rivers have been completed by the North Eastern Railway and those for Beki river have been taken up by the State Government. Some river training works of two minor rivers have also been completed.

Shri Amjad Ali : Is it a fact that an aerial survey was recently conducted to find out the volume of water discharges from the sub-Himalayan ranges that flow under this line ?

Shri Shah Nawaz Khan : If the hon. Member is referring to the general question of breaches on the Assam Rail Link that matter is receiving attention and certain surveys have been carried out as to whether an alternative alignment should be introduced.

Shri Amjad Ali : What is the total expenditure incurred so far in the protection works on this line ?

Mr. Speaker : All the years ?

Shri Amjad Ali : All the years.

Mr. Speaker : From the beginning of the world ? How can any question be answered like that ? He must confine himself to particular years.

Shri Amjad Ali : When they have answered this question, they ought to be able to give us some idea as to the expenditure they have incurred in this line for the protection works till now.

Mr. Speaker : Over a particular year or two years or a period.

Shri Amjad Ali : The question itself suggests it.

Shri Shah Nawaz Khan : From the year 1952-53 to the year 1955-56 the total amount spent so far on this section has been Rs. 2,00,50,000.