

prices. When does he expect these tankers to be available. The prices of tankers are going up steadily. When does he expect to acquire them.

Shri Alagesan : It would be very difficult for me to forecast the market conditions.

Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha : In view of the serious shortage of tankers at present and also in view of the fact that another oil refining company is coming up very soon either in Calcutta or Assam, may I know whether the Government has applied its mind to the acquisition of second-hand tankers ?

Shri Alagesan : That is the burden of the answer to the question.

Shri Matthen : May I know what percentage of the oil refined in the refineries is carried by Indian tankers ?

Shri Alagesan : As I said, it has been calculated that for the coastal transport, three tankers will be necessary. One has already been put into service by a private shipping company. Two more have to be acquired.

Udaipur Tourist Centre

*1701. **Shri Balwant Sinha Mehta :** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Udaipur which is one of the most picturesque tourist centres of our country takes nearly 24 hours of train journey to reach from Bombay or from Delhi which is hardly 500 miles ;

(b) whether Government propose to have a speedier train service between them ; and

(c) if so, when it is likely to come in operation ?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan) : (a) The distance from Bombay to Udaipur via Ratlam is 706 miles and that from Delhi to Udaipur is 461 miles. The train journey from Bombay to Udaipur takes about 24 hours and that from Delhi to Udaipur takes about 21 hours.

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise .

Shri Balwant Sinha Mehta : Are the Government aware that Udaipur is considered to be one of the most beautiful and picturesque cities in the world and only stands next to Kashmir ? It was visited by foreign tourists every year in large numbers. Now, it has stopped altogether. If the question of speeding

up the services is not taken up earlier, it may cease to be a tourist centre. We may lose the foreign exchange also.

Mr. Speaker : The hon. Member is making a lot of suggestions for action. I do not think an answer is necessary.

Shri Balwant Sinha Mehta : What measures is the Government taking to reduce the time taken in journey ?

Shri Shah Nawaz Khan : The fact is that at present there is very acute shortage of rolling stock. As soon as we are in a position to provide more locomotives and coaching stock, we will take steps to speed up trains on this section.

Indian Forest College, Dehra Dun

*1703. **Shri S. C. Samanta :** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state :

(a) how students are admitted in the Ranger's College and Indian Forest College, Dehra Dun ;

(b) whether there is any quota for admission from various States in India ;

(c) whether any seats are reserved for foreign students ; and

(d) whether the advisability of affiliation of these colleges with some University has been considered ?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh) : (a) On the nomination of State Governments subject to the Rules regarding the respective courses.

(b) No. The allotment of seats to individual States is determined annually in the light of their demands.

(c) No, but 2 to 3 seats in each College are generally made available for admission of students from foreign countries like Nepal, Ceylon, Sudan etc., if required by the respective Governments.

(d) Yes. The question of affiliation of the Forest Colleges with the Delhi University was considered but dropped due to practical difficulties.

Shri S. C. Samanta : May I know whether the Government is giving any thought to the question of giving admission into this college by open competition, of course, with reservation of seats to the different States ?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain) : No. We have not got any such scheme so far. These nominations are made by the State Governments. So far as we can envisage, this is a proper system.