

Electric Coaches

*162. **Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 657 on the 8th December, 1955 and state:

(a) whether any decision has since been arrived at regarding the proposal to get electric coaches manufactured at the Hindustan Aircraft Factory, Bangalore; and

(b) if so, the nature of the decision taken?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) and (b). Hindustan Aircraft Limited are not submitting proposals for the production of E.M.U. stock, for the present.

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: May I know if there is any Railway workshop where electric coaches are being manufactured or are going to be manufactured?

Shri Alagesan: There is a private firm Messrs. Jessops who have undertaken to manufacture E.M.U. stock. An order for 104 coaches has been placed on that firm.

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: In view of the fact that electrification of the railway track has to be done for 400 to 600 miles during the Second Plan period, is there any proposal to have them manufactured in railway workshops instead of in private firms?

Shri Alagesan: There is no proposal at present to undertake manufacture of these coaches by the Government. The targets that this firm has laid down may meet our requirements.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Asad: How far are our requirements of electric coaches at present being met by internal production?

Shri Alagesan: These are imported coaches just now.

Ayurveda College, Trivandrum

*163. **Shri A. K. Gopalan:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) the nature of demands put forward by the students of the Ayurveda College, Trivandrum, Travancore-Cochin State to the State Government as well as to the Travancore University; and

(b) the steps taken to meet the demands of the students?

The Deputy Minister of Health (Shrimati Chandrasekhar): (a) and (b). A statement containing the requisite information is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 3]

Shri A. K. Gopalan: May I know whether the syllabus of studies had been approved by the University?

Shrimati Chandrasekhar: I think, yes, Sir.

Shri A. K. Gopalan: May I know why none of the diploma holders of the college, according to the statement, have so far, not been put in Government service?

Shrimati Chandrasekhar: I require notice.

Shri A. M. Thomas: There was a strike in this college. May I enquire whether the college has re-opened and if it has re-opened, has it been on any terms that have been arrived at between the college authorities and the students?

Shrimati Chandrasekhar: Yes. The college was reopened on the 23rd May, 1956 and the students started attending the classes. As regards the various questions, a special committee was set up under the Chairmanship of the Pro-Vice-Chancellor of the Travancore University. Certain recommendations were made. The students were satisfied and so the college started functioning.

Shri V. P. Nayar: May I know whether it is a fact that the students' main demand was that they should be allowed to practise those subjects which they study in detail under the curriculum after they pass out of the college?

Shrimati Chandrasekhar: Yes. One of the demands of the students was to permit them to practise modern medicine. I will read the recommendation of the Committee. It is a short one. It says:

"... The Government of Travancore-Cochin issued orders that according to the Medical Practitioners' Act, the competence of the alumni of the Ayurveda College to practise medicine would extend to such modern advances as are recognised by the Council of Indigenous Medicine but not to Surgery and obstetrics."

Shri Achuthan: May I know whether the students who had gone on strike have joined the college? What is the course that would be taught to them during this one year?

Shrimati Chandrasekhar: I said they have started attending the classes. As regards the second part, I require notice.

Shri V. P. Nayar: The hon. Minister said that that modern medicine syllabi have not been approved by the Council. I want to know why, in view of that, the students of the Ayurveda College have been made to study modern surgery in all its details as I find from the curriculum prescribed by the University for these people? May I...

Mr. Speaker: Not more than one question.

Shri V. P. Nayar: This question only. May I know why the students who have been studying in this college for 4 years taking modern medicine and surgery could not be allowed to practise what they studied?