

Mr. Speaker : The policy has already been decided and implemented and that is why they are going to open these thousand and odd centres here for the purpose of giving relief to those who need it.

Kandla Port

*1545. **Shri Gidwani :** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the plans for constructing two more berths at Kandla Port have been submitted to the Government of India; and

(b) if so, whether Government have sanctioned the Scheme?

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

(b) The matter is under consideration.

Shri Gidwani : When will the matter be decided?

Shri Alagesan : It would be decided soon.

Shri Gidwani : Are the Government aware that the block-piling machine will remain idle and will be dismantled which will result in loss to the Government?

Shri Alagesan : That is one of the considerations why they want to undertake the construction of two berths now. The present contractors have the necessary machinery for the work. If they are dismantled and taken away, the cost of that operation is bound to go up.

Shri B. S. Murthy : May I know if these berths will be functioning for ocean-going steamers?

Shri Alagesan : Yes.

Shri Velayudhan : May I know whether this port was given top priority by the Government with a view to have a single great port for Maha Gujerat?

Shri Alagesan : I could not follow.

Shri Velayudhan : I want an answer.

Mr. Speaker : But, I must understand the question.

Shri Velayudhan : I want to know whether the progress made by this Kandla port is not very slow. It was earlier given top priority with a view to have a big port for Maha Gujerat as mentioned by the late Sardar Patel.

Mr. Speaker : What is the question?

Shri Velayudhan : The progress is slow.

Shri Alagesan : The question of Maha Gujerat does not come in.

Mr. Speaker : It has been unnecessarily linked with that. The hon. Member wants to know whether the speed has been slackened.

Shri Alagesan : The work has been progressing very satisfactorily. Two of the four berths are likely to be opened in October.

Shri Bhagwat Zha Azad : If the scheme as sanctioned is finalised, what would be the financial implication?

Shri Alagesan : There is an abstract estimate of Rs. 330 lakhs. That is under consideration.

बामन्या स्टेशन

*१५५२. **श्री अमर सिंह डालर :** क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या रेलवे मंत्री को जब वह बांसवाड़ा-रतलाम लाइन की सर्वे का उद्घाटन करने गये थे तो वहाँ के स्थानीय लोगों द्वारा कोई ज्ञापन पेश किया गया था; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो क्या सरकार बामन्या स्टेशन की, इस के महत्व को विशेष रूप से देखते हुए, मांगों को पूरा करना चाहती है ?

रेलवे तथा परिवहन मंत्री के सभासचिव (श्री शाहनवाज खाँ) : (क) तथा (ख). जी हाँ, रेल का इस्तेमाल करने वालों के लिये बामन्या स्टेशन पर सुविधायें देने के सम्बन्ध में कुछ मांगें रखी गई थीं। जहाँ तक हो सकेगा इन्हें पूरा किया जायेगा।

श्री अमर सिंह डालर : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि उन मांगों में से एक मांग वहाँ पर एक बेटिंग रूम बनाने की भी थी ?

श्री शाहनवाज खाँ : उन मांगों में तो बेटिंग रूम की मांग शामिल नहीं थी, लेकिन अब आप करना चाहें तो आप को इजाजत है।