

Carriage Electric Lighting Equipment

*347. **Shri C. R. Iyyunni** : Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state :

(a) what will be the cost of equipping one carriage in a train for electric lighting from beneath the coach ;

(b) whether the equipment is properly protected ;

(c) what will be the cost of equipping half a dozen or a few more at the end of carriages ; and

(d) whether it is not possible to protect them in wooden cases ?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport : **Shri Shahnawaz Khan** : (a) About Rs. 16,000/ for a Broad Gauge and Rs. 13,000/ for a Metre Gauge Coach.

(b) Yes, to the extent possible.

(c) About Rs. 36,000/ for a rake of 12 coaches.

(d) Even if the equipment is protected in wooden cases, it is doubtful whether this expensive method would help in the prevention of thefts.

Shri C. R. Iyyunni : In view of the fact that for serving 12 carriages only Rs. 36,000 is necessary, will it not be favourable for the Railway Authorities to substitute this for the other which would cost about Rs. 1,44,000 ?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan : This is purely in an experimental stage, and we have already introduced this system on one air-conditioned tram. We propose to extend it to the other trains, and this matter is already under the consideration of the Electric Standards Committee, which is going into it very thoroughly ?

Shri C. R. Iyyunni : May I know whether the Electrical Engineer's Committee has recommended the introduction of this system ?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan : We have already introduced it on one train and we are going to extend it to others. As I said, it is now on an experimental basis and we will find out how the thing works.

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*351 { **Shri Dabhi** :
Shri Bheekha Bhai :
Shri S. S. More :
Shri Raghunath Singh :
Shri Radhe Lal Vyas :
Shri M. Islamuddin :

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the third Regional Conference for Asia and Far East of Food and Agricultural Organisation was held at Bandung in October this year ;

(b) if so, the countries which participated in the Conference ; and

(c) the main subjects discussed and conclusions arrived at ?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh) : (a) Yes.

(b) The Conference was attended by delegates from 19 countries viz. Australia, Burma, Canada, Ceylon, Denmark, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Laos, Netherlands, Pakistan, Philippines, Thailand, United Kingdom, U.S.A. and Vietnam.

(c) A copy of annotated agenda showing the subjects discussed is placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix II, annexure, No. 42]. The official report about conclusions arrived at has not yet been received from F. A. O. A copy of the same will be placed in the Lok Sabha Library in due course.

Shri Dabhi : Under item No. 3 of the agenda of the conference, it is stated that each delegate is invited to give a verbal account of the major food and agricultural developments in his country since the last regional meeting in 1953. May I know what account was given by our delegate ?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh : A truthful account was given by our delegate. I have not got the exact account here.

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*३५२. **श्री नवल प्रभाकर** : क्या स्वास्थ्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगी कि दिल्ली स्थित अस्पतालों में कुल कितने बिस्तारों की व्यवस्था है ?

The Deputy Minister of Health (Shrimati Chandrasekhar) : At present there are 3,879 beds in the Hospitals including Maternity Homes and Dispensaries at Delhi as shown in the statement laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix II, annexure, No. 43].