

**India-Burma Steamer Service**

245 { **Shri T. B. Vittal Rao :**  
**Shri Raghunath Singh**  
**Shri Krishnamacharya Joshi :**

Will the Minister of **Transport** be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Scindia Steamship Navigation Company have since suspended their steamer service between India and Burma ;

(b) if so, the reasons adduced by them for taking this step ; and

(c) the arrangements that Government propose to make for resuming this Service ?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan) :** (a) to (c). The passenger service between Madras and Rangoon which was being run by the Scindia Steam Navigation Company by their s.s. JALAGOPAL had to be suspended by them from the middle of June 1955 as the vessel had been too old and unsafe for service. At the instance of the Government of India, however, the Shipping Company have agreed to resume this service with their s.s. SONAVATI towards the end of August 1955, pending the provision of a more suitable ship.

**Delhi Road Transport Service**

246. **Shri T. B. Vittal Rao :** Will the Minister of **Transport** be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 393 on the 29th November, 1954 and state :

(a) the number of buses received upto the end of July, 1955 out of the 140 buses ordered for the Delhi Transport Service ;

(b) whether Government propose to run Double Decker Buses on some of the routes due to high density of passenger traffic ; and

(c) if so, from what date ?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan) :** (a) 81.

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise.

**Road Transport Corporations**

247. **Sardar Iqbal Singh :** Will the Minister of **Transport** be pleased to state :

(a) the total amount invested by Government in the different Road Transport Corporations as on the 31st March, 1955 ;

(b) the percentage it bears to the total investment of the Corporations on that date ; and

(c) the net profits that have accrued to the Central Government on their investments during the year 1954-55 ?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan) :** The position in respect of the two Corporations in which the Central Government hold a share is as follows: —

Bombay State Road Transport Corporation	Kutch State Road Transport Corporation
(a) Rs. 383.53 lakhs	Rs. 4 lakhs.
(b) 33½ per cent	20 per cent.
(c) Rs. 15.17 lakhs (provisional).	*Not available

\*This Corporation came into existence only on the 1st December, 1954.

**Railway Line**

248. **Shri B.C Das :** Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to convert the Parla Kimedi Light Railway from narrow-gauge to broad-gauge railway and connect it with Vijays nagram—Raipur line ?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan) :** Not at the moment.

**Air Service**

249. { **Shri D.C Sharma :**  
**Shri Bhagwat Jha. Azad :**

Will the Minister of **Communications** be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the additional Services planned by the Air-India

International Corporation during the current year; and]

(b) the number amongst them which have already been put into operation ?

**The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) and (b). The additional services introduced or contemplated by Air India International during the current year are :

#### *Services introduced*

- (1) Increase of the frequency of India U.K. service from 4 to 6 per week with inclusion of Beirut and Zurich on the route.
- (2) Extension of the India-Hongkong Service to Tokyo.

#### *Services contemplated*

- (1) Increase of the frequency of service to Tokyo from 1 to 2 per week.
- (2) Introduction of a halt at Prague on one of the existing Services to U. K.
- (3) Introduction of a halt at Colombo on the service to Singapore.

### कोयले की चोरी

२५०. श्री हेम राज : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि उत्तर रेलवे के शोर्डों से प्रति वर्ष लाखों रुपयों का कोयला चोरी चला जाता है और बाजारों में बेच दिया जाता है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस चोरी को रोकने के लिये सरकार ने क्या कदम उठाये हैं ?

रेलवे तथा परिवहन उपमंत्री (श्री झलगेशन) : (क) जी नहीं। सिर्फ कुछ मामूली चोरियां हुई हैं।

(ख) जिन इंजन-शोर्डों में कोयला जमा किया जाता है उन सब में ग्राम तौर पर सुरक्षा का प्रबन्ध रहता है।

### Catering

**251. Shri N. Rachiah:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Vegetarian Refreshment Room in Mysore City station has been closed down; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** (a) Yes, with effect from 1.2.1955; but it is expected to be re-opened from 10.8.1955 under another contractor.

(b) As the previous contractor gave notice of termination of his contract.

### Annappoorna Branches

**252. Shri Veeraswamy:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to open Annappoorna Branches in foreign countries; and

(b) if so, the progress made in this regard ?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain):** (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

### Railway Schools

**253. Shri Sanganna:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether national as well as regional languages, are taught in all the schools under the Railway Administration in the Eastern Railway Zone; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor ?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** (a) Yes, except in Anglo Indian Schools and the Primary Schools at Rayaghada. In the Anglo Indian Schools only the national language is taught and in primary School only the regional language.

(b) The State Government which controls policy in educational matters do not require that the regional language should be taught in Anglo-Indian Schools. In the Primary School at Rayaghada, there are no students offering to learn the national language;

NOTE: Rayaghada is now on the South Eastern Railway.