

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan) : No, Sir.

सरदार अकरपुरी : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि अगर इस पांच साला योजना में इन को नहीं रखा गया, तो क्या अगले पांच सालों में इन में से किसी लाइन पर तबज्जह दी जायेगी ?

श्री शाहनवाज खाँ : जिन जिन लाइनों के बारे में पंजाब गवर्नमेंट ने अपनी सिफारिशें भेजी हैं, उन सब के ऊपर बड़ा गहरा विचार किया गया, और जैसे ही रेलवे के पास काफी पैसा होगा, उन पर जरूर विचार किया जायेगा।

सरदार अकरपुरी : बटाला से कादियां तक जो ११ मील की लाइन का टुकड़ा है, जो कि आज से पहले भी बटारी तक मंजूर था, उस को रोक दिया गया। पंजाब गवर्नमेंट ने भी उस के लिये लिखा था, तो क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि उस की बनाने की तजवीज कोई हो सकती है ? और हो सकती है तो कब तक ?

श्री शाहनवाज खाँ : इस वक्त तो ऐसा कोई खयाल है नहीं।

श्री बी० चं० शर्मा : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि पंजाब गवर्नमेंट ने किन किन लाइनों की सिफारिशें की हैं ? अगर उन लाइनों का नाम नहीं बतलाया जा सकता तो यही बतलाया जाय कि उन्होंने कितने मील लम्बी लाइनें बनाने की सिफारिश की है।

Mr. Speaker : Does the hon. Member want a list of the recommendations?

Shri Shah Nawaz Khan : I will give it.

Mr. Speaker : I won't allow it to be given. The hon. Parliamentary Secretary may pass on the information to the hon. Member.

Tankers

*1700. { Shri Chandak :
Shri M. Islamuddin :
Shri Matthen :
Shri Raghunath Singh :

Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 909 on the 11th April, 1956 and state :

(a) whether Government have since acquired the nucleus fleet of two tankers for operation on the coast ;

(b) if so, the purchase price thereof ;

(c) if not, when these will be acquired; and

(d) whether Government propose to develop the tanker fleet under the Public Sector ?

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

(a) Not yet.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Tanker market is at present very tight and acquisition will be made as soon as suitable vessels become available at reasonable prices.

(d) Tankers are proposed to be acquired and operated both in the private and public sectors. One tanker in the private sector has already been purchased by an Indian Shipping Company and two tankers are proposed to be acquired in the public sector.

Shri Chandak : May I know whether the Government plan is co-ordinated with the plans of the petroleum refineries regarding the purchase of tankers ?

Shri Alagesan : It is in close consultation with them that we propose to purchase the tankers and utilise them. The present demand, as per information supplied by the oil refiners, is three tankers.

Shri Chandak : May I know how many tankers the petroleum refineries own at present ? Are these tankers used for the coastal traffic in refined petroleum or for carrying crude petroleum from the wells ?

Shri Alagesan : I do not have the information regarding the tankers that are being owned by the oil refineries, either for crude oil or for coastal traffic. The tanker purchased by the Indian shipping company is being used by one of the oil companies.

Shri Matthen : The hon. Deputy Minister said that tankers will be purchased if they are available at reasonable

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 tourists 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.