

12.13½ hrs.

## APPROPRIATION BILL, 1965

**The Minister of Planning (Shri B. R. Bhagat):** Sir, on behalf of Shri T. T. Krishnamachari, I beg to move\*:

"That the Bill to authorise payment and appropriation of certain further sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of India for the services of the financial year 1964-65, be taken into consideration."

**Mr. Speaker:** The question is:

"That the Bill to authorise payment and appropriation of certain further sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of India for the services of the financial year 1964-65, be taken into consideration."

*The motion was adopted.*

**Mr. Speaker:** The question is:

"That clauses 1 to 3, the Schedule, the Enacting Formula and the Title stand part of the Bill."

*The motion was adopted.*

*Clauses 1 to 3, the Schedule, the Enacting Formula and the Title were added to the Bill.*

**Shri B. R. Bhagat:** Sir, I beg to move:

"That the Bill be passed."

**Mr. Speaker:** The question is:

"That the Bill be passed."

*The motion was adopted.*

12.14 hrs.

RAILWAY BUDGET—GENERAL  
DISCUSSION—contd.

**Mr. Speaker:** The House will now proceed with the general discussion on

the Budget (Railway) for 1965-66.  
Dr. Chandrabhan Singh.

**Dr. Chandrabhan Singh (Bilaspur):** Mr. Speaker, Sir, while adding my feeble voice to the encomiums showered on the redoubtable Railway Minister and his able deputy, I make the following observations. I am reminded of my attempt to join the Railway Medical Service in 1932. Fortunately, I was not selected at that time. I am going back to these 35 years to illustrate how the medical services in the Railways have expanded. They were the days of company-managed railways when, firstly, the Civil Surgeon used to be the medical officer to cater for the first-aid and treatment in cases of accidents and illness; secondly, in each zone there used to be a Chief Medical Officer, a Divisional Medical Officer and a few sub-assistant surgeons with one or two licentiate diplomaholders. Later on divisional headquarters with hospitals of 25 to 30 beds were started. The Divisional Medical Officer used to be assisted by one assistant surgeon Grade I and one or two sub-assistant surgeons Grade II. In 1952 the grouping of the railways was started and nationalisation took place when in each zone there used to be a Chief Medical Officer with a Divisional Headquarters hospital with 25 to 60 beds, an assistant surgeon Grade I and two sub-assistant surgeons grade II. Our present Prime Minister, Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri, during his tenure as Railway Minister upgraded 90 per cent of the assistant surgeons Grade II to assistant surgeons Grade I. That was in 1960. Finally the second grade was completely abolished.

A number of medical graduates started joining the Railways and the Railways got another pattern. Those who joined the Railway Medical Service started leaving it because their posts were of non-attractive status and there was lack of avenues of promotion. In 1961 Shri Jagjivan Ram when he was the Railway Minister upgraded the low pay-scales from

\*Moved with the recommendation of the President.