

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: How the plank gave way is unknown and hence the answer.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: May I know whether the boat was not examined at the time of loading?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: At first it was in good condition. Otherwise it could not have floated.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: അതിന്റെ കാരണത്തെപ്പറ്റി ഗവണ്മെന്റിന്റേന്നും അന്വേഷണം നടത്തുകയുണ്ടോ?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: അന്വേഷിച്ചതിന്റെ ഫലമായിട്ടാണ് ഇങ്ങനെ കണ്ടുപിടിച്ചത്. പാലത്തിന്റെ സാമാനം കയറിയശേഷം അടിയിലുള്ള പലക ഇളകിപ്പോയതാണ്.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: അതിനെപ്പറ്റി അന്വേഷിക്കുമെന്ന് ഇവിടെ പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുണ്ട്. ആ അന്വേഷണത്തിന്റെ ഫലം എന്തായി?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: ആ അന്വേഷണത്തിനാലാണ് അവിചാരിതമായി നടന്ന സംഗതിയാണെന്നു തെളിഞ്ഞിട്ടുള്ളത്.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: May I know whether the member is aware that it was answered last time by the Director of Development that it may reasonably be suspected to be a case of sabotage?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: Last time the Director of Development did not answer the question.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: May I know whether it was not answered that it may reasonably be suspected to be a case of sabotage?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: It was not answered so.

MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR (Tiruvalla): May I know who conducted the enquiry?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: The Police and the P. W. Department.

MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR: May I know who was in charge of the construction work.

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: The Director of Development was in charge of the construction work.

Stores Purchase Committee.

117 *MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) who is the present Secretary of the Stores Purchase Committee;

(b) what are the functions of the Secretary of the Stores Purchase Committee; and

(c) whether the present incumbent is in charge of any other department; what are his other functions, if any?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR : (a) The member is referred to page 299 of the quarterly Civil List corrected up to the 1st Edavam 1111.

(b) To be in charge of the office of the Committee, to convene meetings of the committee and to sign all communications for and on behalf of the Committee.

(c) As Controller of Stationery and Printing he is in charge of Stationery and Printing Departments ; he is also Professor of Applied Physics in the University of Travancore.

MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR : May I know whether he had any experience of printing and stationery before hand ?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR : Yes, he had.

MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR : May I know what it was ?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR : When he was in England he was working in some of the presses.

MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR : May I know what were his duties when he was first appointed in the Travancore Service ?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR : He was appointed in the University as Director of Technology.

MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR : May I know who was in charge of printing and stationery before he was appointed ?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR : Mr. P. G. Narayanan Unnithan.

MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR : May I know why this change was made ?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR : In the interests of public service.

Pallivasal Hydro-Electric Scheme.

118 *MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) when the Pallivasal Hydro-Electric Scheme will begin to supply power ; and

(b) the total amount of money now spent on the Scheme ?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN : (a) In December 1939.

(b) Rs. 1,13,65,471-6-2.

Grant-in-aid to Ayurveda Vaidya Sala.

119 *MR. S. NARAYANA PILLAI : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a list of Ayurveda Vaidya Salas for which grants were newly sanctioned during the last two years, together with the names of the Vaidyans, the communities to which they belong and the amount of grant sanctioned to each ?

MR. P. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI (Secretary to Government) : The *list is laid on the table.

* * * See Appendix V.