

Travancore State-aided Bank.

244 *MR. JOSEPH VITHAYATHIL: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) what amount is deposited by them in the Travancore State-aided Bank;

(b) whether they have conducted an enquiry into the solvency of the Bank;

(c) if so, whether they have ascertained what amount, if any, they may lose out of the amount due to them from the Bank;

(d) whether the Government have given up any part of the amount due to them;

(e) if so, what is the amount so given up; and

(f) what steps, if any, the Government are taking for the realisation of the amount due to them?

RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASWAMI AIYAR: (a) The amount of deposit outstanding on this date is B. Rs. 2½ lakhs.

(b) An investigation into the affairs of the Bank was conducted by Inspectors appointed by the Government under the provisions of the Companies Regulation at the request of certain share holders.

(c) No.

(d) Yes. By orders dated 20th September 1936 and 9th July 1937.

(e) B. Rs. 2½ lakhs. Vide also para 7 of the Financial Secretary's speech introducing the Budget for 1937-38. Besides this, the arrears of interest due at the rate of 5 per cent per annum up to 31st October 1936 were realised only at the rate of 1½ per cent per annum and the rate of interest from 1st November 1936 was reduced from 5 per cent to 3½ per cent.

(f) Under the agreement between the Government and the Bank the deposit referred to in (a) is to be repaid in annual payments of B. Rs. 50,000 and the first year's payment is due only on 25th February 1938.

Bombay-Trivandrum Air Service.

245 *MR. JOSEPH VITHAYATHIL: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) what amount they have spent till now in connection with the Bombay-Trivandrum Air Service; and

(b) what amount, if any, the Government are giving as subsidy to the proprietors of the service?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI:

(a) Amount spent up to date including the expenditure on the construction of the aerodrome and hangar etc., is Rs. 60,647-19-5;

(b) Br. Rs. 20,000, yearly, by equal half-yearly instalments.

Motor Service in the Changanachery-Mundakayam line.

246 *MR. P. J. SEBASTIAN (Changanachery cum Peermade): Will the Government be pleased to state: