THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SARDAR BUTA SINGH): (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of I he Sabha.

Statement

- (i) Special drives against beggar nuisance are on with the assistance of Railway Police:
- (ii) At stations the ticket checking staff with the assistance of Railway Protection Force and Government Railway Police are conducting frequent checks to prevent the entry of the beggars to the station platforms.
- (iii) The ticket enecking activities have been intensified all over the railways with the assistance of Railway Protection Force, Government Railway Police and the local Police. During such cheefes, the beggars found travelling in the trains are invariably evicted/prosecuted.
- (iv) Public co-operation is being sought through exhibition, of posters, announcements over the loud-speakers, etc., requesting the public to refrain from giving alms to beggars.

SHRI S. W. DHABE: There used to be a squad called the hawkers and beggars checking squad on the railways. This squad was discontinued on grounds of economy some time in 1965-66. I want to know what was the reason for the discontinuance of this squad and whether the number of hawkers and beggars on the railways has increased! after the abolition of this squad.

SHRI BUTA SINGH: At the moment, there is a ticket-checking squad both from the Centre, that is, the Railway Board and from the regional Railways and these ticket-checking squads also look after the problem of beggars on the trains and in the stations.

SHRI S. W. DHABE: I wanted to know whether the number of beggars has to-creased since 1965-66.

SHRI BUTA SINGH: On the contrary, tht> number has come down as is evident from the figures. In 1974-75 the number of beggars apprehended was 3.81,021 and in 1975-76, the number is 2,14,555. ² — WRSS/75

SHRI S. W. DH \BE; I want to know whether there is any medical check-up Of these beggars carried out because many of them are having a disease. "Has any step been taken for licensing these beggars and | carrying out any medical check-up of these beggars?

SHRI BUTA SINGH: We have to carry the passengers and not carry out medical check-up of the beggars.

Sanitary Installations and Sanitary Services on Indian Railways

* 127 DR. V. B. SINGH: SHRI SARDAR AMJAD ALI:t SHRI HARSH DEO MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

- (a) whether Government are aware that sanitary installation in 2nd Class compart ments in the Indian Railways are very de fective and sanitary services available to passengers are poor; and
- (b) if so, what steps Government pro pose to take to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MO-! HAMMAD SHAFI QURESHI): (a) and

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Statement

(al and (b) The sanitary installations in Second Class compartments are generally satisfactory. However, in spite of all out efforts, deficiencies do occur at times, primarily due to large scale acts of vandalism, thefts or some time failure of equip-¹ ment, delayed supplies of material and human lapses in upkeep and maintenance.

Efforts have been intensified to further improve the cleanliness and maintenance of passenger coaches. By and large, the conditions have improved considerably. Apart from all the coaches in service being periodically overhauled, defects, deficiencies, if any, and cleanliness are attended to at the start and end of almost every | trip. System of monitoring the condition j of coaches exists on all Railways.

[†]The question was actually asked on the I floor of the House by Shri Sardar Amiad ¹ Ali.

to Questions

شرى محمد شفيع قريشي : يه سحيح ہے کہ اس قسم کے كبهى بهت زياده طاقت لكاني ھے۔ اب ان کو ھٹا در نثر لگائر جا رہے عیں جس سے آدمی ان کو استعمال آسانی سے

†श्री **मुहम्मद शफ़ी कुरेशी** : यह मही है कि इस किस्म के जो गेजेंट्स या नल वर्गरा लगे रहते हैं उनको खोलने में कभी-कभी बहुत ज्यादा ताकत लगानी पड़ती है। उनको हटाकर नये नल लगाये जा रहे हैं जिससे याम यादमी उनको इस्तेमाल ग्रामानी से कर सके ।∫

श्री ओउमप्रकाश त्यागी : मैं जानना चाहत! हं कि क्या यह सच है कि भारतवर्ष की रेला को जो ग्रामदनी होती है उसमें सेकेन्ड क्लास वे पैसेन्जर्स से सबसे ज्यादा ग्रामदनी होती है ? वया यह भी सही है कि सेकेन्ड क्लास पैसेन्जर्स से जब 75 परसेन्ट ग्रामदनी होती है तब भी जो स्विधाएं दी जा रही है वे फर्स्ट क्लाम कम्पार्टमेन्ट के मुकाबले सिर्फ चौथाई परसंत्र हैं। हैं ! में जानना चाहता है कि इसका कारण क्या है ? सैकेन्ड क्लाम पैमेन्जर्स को बाम सविधार याप क्यों दे रहे हैं।

سری محمد شقیع قریشی : یه سينجرس ہے آمدني زيادہ هوتي ایادہ ہوتی ہے لیکن یہ مهیں ہے کہ سیکنا کلاس پیسینجوس کے آرام کے لئر زبادہ رقم نہیں رکھی لئبی ہے ۔ تین جار کروڑ سالانه اس ہر خرچ کیا جاتا ہے۔ شماری کوشش یه هے باده سے زیادہ سویدهائیں سیکند نلاس پیسینجرس کو دیں ۔

ां श्री मुहम्मद शफ़ी कुरेशी: यह सही बाट है कि मेकेन्ड बजास पैसेन्जर्स से श्रामदनी ज्यादा होती है क्योंकि उनकी तादाद ज्यादा होती है लेकिन यह सही नहीं है कि सैकेव्ह क्लास पैसेन्जर्स के आराम के लिये ज्यादा रकम नहीं रखी गई है। तीन चार करोड रपया सालाना इस पर खर्च किया जाता है। हमारी कोशिश यह है कि हम ज्यादा से ज्यादा सुविधाएं सेकेण्ड क्लास पैसेन्जमं को दें ।

*128. [The questioners Sliri Sawaisingh Sisodia, Shrimati Lakshmi Kwnari Chundamat and Shri Mahcndra Bahadur Singh was absent for answer vide ('oh 38 Infra)