

with a view to strengthen its role is under examination by the Ministry of Finance.

NEPAL RICE FOR INDIA

512. SHRI N. SRI RAMA REDDY: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Nepal was recently approached for selling rice to India; and

(b) if so, what is the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE): (a) No, Madam.

(b) Does not arise.

TRANSMISSION EQUIPMENT

680. SHRI SII ARAM JAIPURIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up a new factory for the production of transmission equipment;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) when the factory is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (PROF. SHER SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes. The Government of India have decided to set up a new factory for the manufacture of long distance transmission equipment at Naini near Allahabad. The new factory will augment the production of the existing factory at Bangalore of transmission equipment. It is expected to produce Rs. 15.5 crores

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worth of transmission equipment during the first five years of its setting up. According to preliminary estimates, the capital expenditure on the new factory is expected to be about Rs. 245 lakhs.

(c) The new factory is proposed to be set up during the Fourth Five Year Plan period.

CALLING ATTENTION TO A MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

REPORT ABOUT MISSING OF RAILWAY TICKETS WORTH RUPEES FIFTY THOUSAND FROM MUZAFFARPUR RAILWAY STATION

SARDAR D. K. JADHAV (Madhya Pradesh): I beg to call the attention of the Minister of Railways to the report that railway tickets worth rupees fifty thousand for major towns in West Bengal and Assam are missing from the booking office of the Muzaffarpur railway station.

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH): Madam, about a month back 1,500 third class tickets, 500 each from Muzaffarpur to Galgolia, Muzaffarpur to Lumding and Muzaffarpur to Banarhat, the total book value of which was Rs. 28,000 were found missing from the Muzaffarpur booking office.

An enquiry was held into this loss by Assistant Commercial Superintendent, Samastipur, who held the Head Booking Clerk of Muzaffarpur technically responsible for the loss.

On enquiry from the three destination stations it is confirmed that the missing tickets have not so far been collected there. Since no monetary loss was established, the case was not reported to the police.

A joint enquiry by the Commercial and Accounts Officers has been ordered.

The missing tickets are also being notified in the Gazette.

SARDAR D. K. JADHAV: Unlawful anti-national activities of various groups including the Naxalites are taking place and it has been also verified and admitted by the Defence Minister that there have been a number of arrests on the borders and also lethal weapons have been seized. Several such incidents are reported in the papers. In view of these details and in view of the grave situation, may I know what security arrangements have been taken to tighten the measures and safeguard the Government property on these lines? Have any passengers been found using the stolen tickets and have they been apprehended and, if so, what steps are being taken to guard against the unauthorised use of these tickets? Is it true that the loss was detected two weeks back and it was reported to the higher authorities only later?

DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH: It was detected because the checking has been intensified. Therefore this detection has taken place. As I said, in to-day's Gazette it is being notified and so nobody will be able to use them because they have come to know about it and the stations concerned were intimated immediately alter the checking that such and such tickets—and numbers also were given—have been found missing. At that time they reported that nobody had used them so far, and now as they have been alerted, there will not be any misuse.

श्री राजनारायण (उत्तरप्रदेश): क्या सरकार बतायेगी कि यह टिकट टिकटघर से गायब हुआ इसकी जानकारी कब हुई पहली बार।

DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH: The loss of tickets for Galgalia came to notice on 24th February 1969. Since the entire stock in 12 almirahs has been checked, it was found on 12th March that 1500 tickets for the three destinations were missing.

श्री सुन्दर सिंह भंडारी (राजस्थान): स्टेशन से टिकट गायब होने का एक

उदाहरण यह आया है। लेकिन जिस क्षेत्र के ये टिकट हैं उसको देखते हुये क्या यह केवल एक सिम्पल चोरी है? क्या रेलवे ने, रेलवे विभाग ने, इस पर इतना ही निष्कर्ष निकाला है? या जिस सेंसिटिव क्षेत्र से सम्बन्धित चोरी है और जो डेस्टीनेशन के स्थान हैं और इस प्रकार की और घटनायें जो देश के ऐसे भागों में हुई हैं उनका सम्बन्ध जोड़ कर के यह समझा कि इसके पीछे कोई गैंग काम कर रहा है, इरादतन काम कर रहा है और क्या इस प्रकार के आधार पर इस सारी बात की जांच करने के लिये सी० बी० आई० को यह मामला सुपुर्द किया जायगा?

डा० राम सुभग सिंह: अभी जैसा कि बताया एक इन्वायरी हो रही है और यदि और कोई विशेष जरूरत महसूस की जायगी तो किसी विशेष अधिकारी के सुपुर्द भी यह मामला किया जायगा। जो इलाके हैं, जैसे कि लर्माडिंग है जो कि आसाम में एन० एफ० रेलवे में है, जो तीनों जगहों हैं वह एन० एफ० रेलवे में हैं और टिकट की चोरी हुई मुजफ्फरपुर में, तो उन तमाम इलाकों को इत्तिला दे दी गई है और इस सम्बन्ध में एक्स्ट्रा प्रिक्वाशन लिया जा रहा है, गजट में सारे नम्बर छपवाये जा रहे हैं, यहां मेरे पास नम्बर हैं कि फलां फलां नम्बर के टिकट चोरी हुये, अगर कहेंगे तो यहां टेबिल पर उसको रख देंगे। इससे ज्यादा पता नहीं और कौन कार्यवाही हम कर सकते हैं।

SHRI A. P. CHATTERJEE (West Bengal): Will the Minister enlighten the House as to whether these tickets which have been stolen were punched with dates or not? If they were not punched with dates, is it not quite feasible that these tickets, 50,000 in number, will be used as and when occasion arises? They may not be used now

[Shri A. P. Chatterjee.] when the security precautions are tight but it is quite possible that when the security precautions will be loosened, they will be punched with different dates and used. Will the Minister direct the Department to keep guard over that eventuality also?

DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH: We will take every care that no loophole is allowed to remain there on that count. The number of tickets is not 5000. It was 1500.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Bhupesh Gupta has taken permission to raise something on the Youth Federation. Before that I will call Mr. Varma. I have given permission to him.

REFERENCE TO ACTIVITIES OF NAXALITES

श्री निरंजन वर्मा (मध्य प्रदेश) : माननीया, मैं सदन का और विशेष रूप से गृह मंत्रालय का ध्यान आकर्षित करना चाहता हूँ। गृह मंत्री महोदय जरा वार्तालाप छोड़ कर के इधर अपना ध्यान आकर्षित करें। मैं श्रीमान गृह मंत्री जी का ध्यान विशेष रूप से इस ओर आकर्षित करता रहा हूँ और आज भी करता हूँ कि नक्सलवाड़ियों की जो प्रवृत्ति है और जो नक्सलवाड़ी व्यक्ति है वह बराबर अपने देश में बढ़ते जा रहे हैं, पहले तो बंगाल से प्रारम्भ हुआ और बंगाल से प्रारम्भ होने के पश्चात् धीरे-धीरे बिहार में और फिर इसके बाद केरल में और आंध्र में यह फैला और अभी समाचार मिला है कि भद्राचलम के थाने पर 20-25 व्यक्ति इकट्ठा हो गये और इकट्ठा होकर, बन्दूकों, तलवारों और दूसरे अस्त्र-शस्त्रों से लैस हो कर, उन्होंने थाने पर हमला किया और थाने पर हमला कर के उन्होंने दो व्यक्तियों को मार डाला और चार आदमियों को घायल कर दिया। तो जैसे-जैसे आप

दबा करने की मद्रा में है वैसे वैसे यह मर्ज बढ़ता चला जा रहा है और एक समय कभी ऐसा भी आ सकता है कि यह समस्या इतना विकराल रूप धारण कर जाय कि आपके हाथों से विन्कुल निकल जाय। ऐसी स्थिति में यदि आप कोई बिल लाये हैं तो इस बिल में अनर्थक बातें इतने बुरे प्रकार से रख दी गई हैं कि उससे सर्वमान्य हल निकलने की आशा नहीं की जा सकती है। तो यह नक्सलवाड़ियों का जो रोग है और यह नक्सलवाद जो है यह बराबर आगे बढ़ता चला जा रहा है। तो क्या इसके बारे में आप शीघ्र ही कोई ऐसा कदम उठायेंगे जिससे कि देश की जो हालत है वह खराब से और खराबतर न हो जाय।

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : The Home Minister will make a statement.

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN): Not on Naxalites.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : On yesterday's demonstration.

SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN: I have made many statements about the Naxalites and I do not want to repeat them.

STATEMENT RE ARREST OF DEMONSTRATORS NEAR PARLIAMENT HOUSE ON THE 15TH MAY, 1969

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN): MadaBB Deputy Chairman, according to information furnished by the Delhi Administration, the All-India Youth Federation and the All-India Students' Federation organised a procession and a rally at the Boat Club lawns, Raj Path, New Delhi, on May 15, 1969, as part of their country-wide campaign against unemployment. After the rally