

RAJYA SABHA

Thursday, the 14th December, 1967/the 27th
Agrahayana, 1889 (Saka)

The House met at eleven of the clock, THE
DEPUTY CHAIRMAN in the chair.

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

COMMITTEE ON AMENITIES TO PASSENGERS

*535. SHRI S. K. VAISHAMPAYEN : Will
the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Committee appointed by
Government to go into the question of
amenities to passengers, has submitted any
report; and

(b) if so, the recommendations made by the
Committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI
PARIMAL GHOSH) : (a) and (b) The Railway
Catering and Passengers Amenities Committee
has not yet submitted its report. The report is
likely to be submitted by the end of January,
1968.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Yes, Mr.
Vaishampayen.

श्री राजनारायण : माननीया, हमने एक
प्रस्ताव भेजा था आपके पास सारे रूल्स को
सर्पेड करने के लिये।

उपसभाध्यक्ष : क्वेश्चन आवर के बाद।

All consideration after the Question Hour. Yes,
Mr. Vaishampayen.

SHRI S. K. VAISHAMPAYEN : May I know
from the hon. Railway Minister whether the
terms of reference given to this committee
include also the examination of amenities like
waiting halls, taps, urinals, etc. on railway
platforms? If so, will the committee also
examine the adequacy of the present norms or
yard-sticks for providing these amenities?

SHRI PARIMAL GHOSH : Madam, the terms
of reference of this committee are to review the
policy and practices in vogue on railways in
respect of provision of passenger amenities on
railway stations and suggest measures to
maximise the benefits to the passengers keeping
in view the financial allocations made. All these
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that the hon. Member has mentioned will come
under the terms of reference of the committee.

SHRI S. K. VAISHAMPAYEN : I had
referred to another aspect also, that the present
norms or yard-sticks, according to my
experience, are outmoded, are not up-to-date
and are also rigid. So will this committee also
examine how far these norms or yard-sticks are
adequate to meet the needs of the growing
traffic in the country?

SHRI PARIMAL GHOSH : That is one of the
main reasons why this committee is being
formed and they will go into the details of
these points.

SHRI DALPAT SINGH : May I say
this through you, Madam, that the I Class
corridor type of coaches are so small that
passengers feel very much congested in them,
as if they are travelling in III Class sleeper
coaches and may I know whether this
committee will suggest action to improve them?
Number one. Number two, in some of the I
Class coaches, in the lavatories, the shower
baths are so low that a man of average height,
that is, 5'8" or 5'10", cannot stand without his
head touching it or be struck by it. I have
written a complaint in the complaint book,
which has not yet been heard and acted upon.
May I know, Madam, whether they would do
something to improve them also?

SHRI PARIMAL GHOSH : The purpose of
this committee is to go into the details of
passenger amenities so far as the railway
stations are concerned. This committee is
particularly not going into that aspect.

SHRI D. THENGARI : How many Members
of Parliament are there on this committee and
whether representatives of passengers'
associations are also included in the committee?

SHRI PARIMAL GHOSH : Madam, this
committee was formed in view of the fact
that there had been a lot of complaints
during the Budget debate, and most of the
Members had complained regarding
the inadequacy of passenger amenities and
deterioration in the catering service in respect
of food. That is why we agreed that a
parliamentary committee should be formed to
go into the details of all these complaints. In
this committee now we have four Members of
Parliament, two from the Rajya Sabha and two
from the Lok Sabha.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : I think that will do. Next question.

GRANT OF LICENCE TO BOMBAY FILM STAR TO IMPORT STAINLESS STEEL

*536. SHRIMATI SARLA BHADAURIA : Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND METALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any Bombay film star was given a licence to import 11 tonnes of stainless steel;

(b) if so, what is the name of the film star;

(c) when the licence was given and the reasons therefor;

(d) what was the value of the steel imported by the film star; and

(e) the manner in which the steel was utilized ?

इस्पात, खान और खनिज मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री चौधरी रामसेवक) : (क) से (ङ) सूचना एक्टर की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जायेगी।

श्रीमती सरला भदौरिया : माननीय मंत्री ने कुछ दिन पहले कलकत्ता में एक बयान दिया था इसके विषय में कि यह सरकार बहुत अजीब है जो स्टेनलेस स्टील उद्योगों में लगाने के बजाय फिल्म स्टारों को देती है। जब उन्होंने यह बयान दिया था तो उनकी जानकारी में ऐसी बातें कैसे नहीं हैं? जब उनकी जानकारी में ये बातें थीं तभी तो उन्होंने इस तरह का बयान दिया था। इसके अतिरिक्त मैं यह जानना चाहती हूँ कि क्या वे कोई ऐसी इनक्वायरी बिठाना चाहते हैं जो इसकी जांच करे? तीसरी बात यह है कि क्या उस कमेटी में पार्लियामेंट के मेम्बर भी रखे जायेंगे ?

[] English translation.

[THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL, MINES AND METALS (SHRI CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK) : (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.]

डा० एम० चन्ना रेड्डी : उपसभापति महोदया, इसमें तीन सवाल हैं। एक तो यह है कि मैंने किसी वक्त कहा था कि यह सरकार अजीब है जो ऐसे गलत काम कर रही है। नहीं मलूम किस तरह से अनरेबिल मेम्बर को यह गलतफहमी हुई है। बात यह है कि जब मैं आंध्र में इंडस्ट्रीज मिनिस्टर था तो एक रेप्रिजेंटेशन आया था कि स्टेनलेस स्टील का कोटा बहुत कम है, हम को दूसरी जगहों से खरीदना पड़ता है और हमारे अलावा दूसरे लोग जो इंडस्ट्रीज को ज्यादा ठीक ढंग से नहीं चलते उनको वह दिया जाता है। इस किस्म का उन्होंने एक रेप्रिजेंटेशन दिया था। तो यह हो सकता है कि कुछ लोग स्टेनलेस स्टील का कोटा लें और उसका पूरा पूरा इस्तेमाल न करें, यह भी उसमें था। जब लिवरेलाइजेशन आफ इम्पोर्ट्स की पालिसी सेंट्रल गवर्नमेंट ने कुछ देर पहले डिवल्यूएशन के बाद शुरू की, उस वक्त चर्चा करते हुए इस बात का जिक्र किया गया था इस लिहाज से दूसरा और तीसरा सवाल जो है कि इस सिलसिले में जांच करने के लिये कोई कमेटी बैठाई जाय और उसमें पार्लियामेंट के सदस्यों को लिया जाय, वह पैदा नहीं होता।

شری اے - ایم - طارق : میں

منسٹر صاحب سے یہ عرض کرنا چاہتا ہوں کہ یہ سوال بڑا آسان ہے -

"(a) whether any Bombay film star was given a licence to import 11 tonnes of stainless steel;"

منسٹر صاحب اور منسٹری اس

پوزیشن میں نہیں ہیں کہ وہ عوام

کے سامنے ہاں کہتے یا نہیں کہتے -

اس میں کوئی پیپلک انٹرسٹ کی

بات نہیں ہے - میرا اصلی سوال یہ

ہے کہ وزیر صاحب کو یہ معلوم ہوگا

کہ پچھلے پانچ دس سال میں اسٹیل

لیس اسٹیل کے لائسنس کے بارے میں

اس ملک میں کافی زور دیا اور کچھ

لوگوں نے لائسنس لے کر اس کو بازار میں