

PROF. SATYAVRATA SIDDHANTA-LANKAR : Sir, obviously the cases of people surrendering tickets cannot be many. People do not purchase tickets for the sake of fun. When there are so very few cases, is it not possible to refund the amount immediately as soon as the tickets are handed over ?

DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH : Actually, Sir, the hon. Member himself must be conversant that in several cities, bigger cities, more particularly, they get every type of ticket printed and carry on blackmarketing. We also know that several unauthorised notes are printed and circulated. Therefore, we have to be very particular that the amount is refunded against correct tickets with correct numbers issued authoriscdly. Of course, the hardship that is caused to genuine passengers will be borne in mind.

SHRI G. MURAHARI : How many cases of such printing of false tickets has come across ?

DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH : I want notice.

TOURIST SPECIAL SALOON BUILT IN INTEGRAL COACH FACTORY

•936. SHRI T. V. ANANDAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a Tourist special saloon was built in the Integral Coach Factory during 1965 at a cost of over Rs. 3 lakhs; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard 7

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir. Six special tourist cars have been built by the Integral Coach Factory, during 1965, at a cost of about Rs. 2.87 lakhs each.

(b) These special tourist cars are of a high standard of workmanship and finish with quality fittings in compartments and lavatories apart from special flooring and panelling. They have been built with a view to exhibit them to prospective foreign customers as well as to cater for special tourist traffic.

SHRI T. V. ANANDAN: Sir, as a policy the Railway Ministry has come to a decision that there would not be construction of air-conditioned coaches but it is

learnt that this special tourist coach h*» been air-conditioned. Is it a fact ?

DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH : No, Sir, Not a single of these six special coaches has been air-conditioned, though we have a proposal to air-condition them, because they are meant for foreign tourists and for sale in foreign markets, if anybody is ready to purchase.

SHRI T. V. ANANDAN : May I know, Sir, if it is not a fact that this coach, soon after it was built and soon after it was examined by the Railway Ministry, has been used on 4-3-66 attached to the Grand Trunk Express for the sole purpose of the use of an officer under transfer from the Southern Railway to the North-Eastern Railway, and unfortunately the air-conditioned part of that coach caught fire at the Ramchandam railway station, and for that purpose the entire Grand Trunk Express had been delayed for more than three hours ? Has that been brought to the notice of the Ministry, Sir?

DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH : Just now this has been brought to our notice. As I said, earlier, we had a proposal to air-condition them. Whenever any coach is manufactured, it will have to be taken to some place with a view to testing whether it is in order or not. It might have been used—I do not say that it was not used. But this thing, in this form, has not been brought to our notice earlier.

SHRI D. THENGARI: Sir, two reasons have been given—tourist inside and sale abroad. May I know, Sir, if we have ascertained whether there is a likelihood of any demand outside for such saloons, and if so, in what countries ?

DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH : Whenever there is any tender invited from foreign countries—we invited tender for constructing these saloons for the King of Thailand and for other foreign dignitaries also—they are examined. But that tender was not accepted. Still we are trying to go in for it.

श्री राजनारायण : क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि अपने मुल्क में करीब 30 करोड़ लोग ऐसे हैं जिनकी प्रति व्यक्ति दैनिक आय तीन आने है ? यदि हां, तो यह तीन लाख रुपये की लागत की पर्यटक

कोच बनाने की आवश्यकता सरकार को क्यों महसूस हुई ?

डा० राम सुभग सिंह : जैसा कि मैंने, श्रीमन्, कहा कि कुछ ऐसे कार्य हैं जिनको करना ही पड़ता है। अब खुद हमारे पड़ोस बनारस में हो सकता है कि हम लोग बगैर कुर्ता के रहते हों मगर वहाँ बनारसी साड़ियाँ इतनी बेशकीमत बनती हैं कि वे न्यूयार्क तक जाती हैं।

श्री राजनारायण : क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि बनारसी साड़ियाँ बहुत सस्ती भी होती हैं और बनारस की प्रसिद्धि गंगा की बालू फाँकने में और गंगा का बस पीने में है और वहाँ फैशन नहीं चलता है ?

श्रीमन्, मेरा दस साल का लेजिस्लेचर का अनुभव यह है कि यहाँ प्रश्नों का उत्तर स्पष्ट नहीं दिया जा रहा है। इस लिये मेरा निवेदन यह है कि Ministers should come prepared. क्योंकि अगर मिनिस्टर्स तैयार हो करके नहीं आते हैं तो वे केवल उषा की लालिमा में और निशा की कालिमा में विचरण करते रहते हैं। इस लिये मैं यह स्पष्ट जानना चाहता हूँ कि वे कौन मुक्त हैं या कौन लोग हैं जिन्होंने इस प्रकार के पर्यटक सैलूनों की सरकार से मांग की ?

डा० राम सुभग सिंह : असल में जैसा कि मैंने बताया कि थाईलैंड का जो टैंडर निकला तो दो बार हम लोगों ने थाईलैंड में टैंडर दिये लेकिन जापानी फर्मों का टैंडर उन लोगों ने स्वीकार किया। इसी तरह से हम लोगों की इच्छा है कि दूसरे देशों से भी जो टैंडर निकलें उनमें हम भी टैंडर दें ताकि...

श्री राजनारायण : श्रीमन्, मैं नाम जानना चाहता हूँ।

डा० राम सुभग सिंह : अफ्रीकन, यूरोपियन, हंगरी, युगोस्लाविया and many other countries. बहुत नाम ऐसे हैं

जो रोज पबलिश होते हैं। माननीय प्रश्नकर्ता महोदय अखबार कम से कम रोज पढ़ते होंगे और वे उसमें देख लें।

SHRI P. K. KUMARAN : Sir, instead of this costly tourist car, did the Ministry find out the possibility of exporting ordinary coaches to other countries ?

DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH : Yes, Sir, that is our attempt.

SHRI B. K. P. SINHA : In view of the fact that these tourist saloon cars facilitate the bringing in of foreign exchange in this country, may I know, Sir, why a policy decision has been taken that even these tourist saloon cars will not be air-conditioned ? Is it because the Government do not have air-conditioning equipment ? And 11 the Railways need air-conditioning equipment in large numbers, may I know, Sir, if there is any proposal before the Railway* for the manufacture in their own workshops of air-conditioning equipment for their own purposes ?

DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH : I may be permitted to make it clear that there is no policy decision not to air-condition these coaches. I had said earlier also that we intend air-conditioning them. But due to some difficulty it has not yet been done. That attempt will continue to be there.

ALLOCATION OF RAW MATERIAL

♦937. SHRI S. K. VAISHAMPAYEN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the State-wise allocation of quotas of raw material for Small-scale Industries; and

(b) the quantity actually released for the years 1963-64 and 1964-65 ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI D. SANJIVAYYA): (a) and (b)

A statement showing the Statewise allocation of raw materials for Small-scale Industries for 1963-64 and 1964-65 is laid on the Table of the House. As regards the quantity released during the above years, the time and labour involved in collecting the information will not be commensurate with the results to be achieved. [See Appendix LV, Annexure No. 84.]