

SHRI D SANJIVAYYA : The answer is in the negative.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA : We have not got the statement. Therefore we suffer from a handicap. Still I would ask this question. Who took the initiative in organising this meeting and what was the exact purpose of the Prime Minister in having this meeting ?

SHRI D. SANJIVAYYA : The Prime Minister convened the meeting and the purpose is well known.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA : Not so well known. What was the purpose ?

SHRI D. SANJIVAYYA : Personnel problems, pricing policy, increased production, making them profitable, making them more efficient and making them ideal, worthy of emulation by the private sector projects, etc.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA : I put it to the Minister that the meeting was suggested by some people in the Government that the Prime Minister should invite them and they should be given the opportunity to say what they have to say with a view to putting some kind of pressure on the Prime Minister so that more concessions could be got from them and that after the meeting . . .

SHRI D SANJIVAYYA : No.

SHRI C. D PANDE : Sir, . . .

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA : Why is Mr. Pande answering ? He will never be a Minister. The position is this. I would like to know this. Did the Prime Minister make any concrete proposal to them as to what they should not do or did she ask them to do certain things including the disclosure of black money which is in their possession and also . . .

SHRI D SANJIVAYYA : I refuse to answer this.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Mr. Gupta, please do not be so free with your expressions . . .

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA : I can certainly ask.

MR CHAIRMAN : You cannot say it when you say that there is black money, etc.

SHRI D SANJIVAYYA : The reference by the hon. Member to black money and blackmarketing is totally irrelevant to this question.

Number two the hon. Member and some other hon. Members have a feeling that for every meeting, for the invitations extended to some people, or for any programme, some pressure is being brought by somebody on the Ministers. I do not know why they are so much afraid of pressure. Naturally, we are for considering the feelings of the people, and if it can be construed as pressurizing, I accede to it, because we have to assess the feelings of the people, the opinions of the people, take them into account and take decisions. What is wrong there ?

SHRI LOKANATH MISRA : May I know, Sir, since it was a meeting between the top executives and the head of the Government I would like to know whether the Prime Minister discussed with these top executives about the low rate of profit made by the public sector undertakings, and whether the Prime Minister brought to the notice of the top executives also the huge wastage which is being perpetrated by the Government in the public sector ? And what were their reactions to her suggestions if there was any suggestion at all ?

SHRI D SANJIVAYYA : All the points made by the hon. Member and some more points were brought to the notice of the heads of public sector undertakings and they have all resolved to see that these public sector undertakings work more efficiently.

रेलगाड़ियों में स्थानाभाव के कारण टिकटों का बहुधा वापस किया जाना

* 400 श्री निरंजन वर्मा : क्या रेल मन्त्री 12 मई, 1966 को राज्य सभा में अताराकित प्रश्न संख्या 131 के दिए गए उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि बीना, मंडी बामोरा गज बासोदा और विदिशा स्टेशनों से यात्रा करने वाले लोगों को, जिन्हें रेलगाड़ियों में स्थानाभाव के कारण बहुधा टिकट वापस करने पड़ते हैं, राहत पहुंचाने के लिए सरकार क्या कदम उठा रही है ?

†[FREQUENT RETURN OF TICKETS FOR LACK OF ACCOMMODATION IN TRAINS]

*400. SHRI NIRANJAN VARMA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to answer given to Unstarred Question No. 131 in the Rajya Sabha on the 12th May, 1966 and state what steps are being taken by Government to give relief to the public travelling from Bina, Mandi Bamora, Ganj Basoda and Vidisha stations who have to return tickets frequently for lack of accommodation in trains.]

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (डा० राम सुभग सिंह) : बम्बई वी० टी०-दिल्ली रेल मार्ग के बीना, मण्डी बामोरा, गंज बासोदा, विदिशा और अन्य स्टेशनों से चलने वाले लम्बी दूरी के यात्रियों के लिए एक अतिरिक्त तेज गाड़ी चलाने के उद्देश्य से इस रेल मार्ग की लाइन क्षमता को बढ़ाने का काम हो रहा है।

†[THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH) : Works are in progress to increase line capacity on Bombay V.T.-Delhi route with a view to introduce an additional fast train for long distance passengers from Bina, Mandi Bamora, Ganj Basoda, Vidisha and other stations on this route.]

श्री निरंजन वर्मा : क्या श्रीमान् यह बताने का कष्ट करेंगे कि जब से भोपाल राजधानी हुई है, उधर अधिक से अधिक यात्रियों का आवागमन शुरू हो गया है, किन्तु दिन भर में केवल एक ही गाड़ी, पटना एक्सप्रेस, ठहरती है, तो क्या एक दूसरी गाड़ी, जी०टी० एक्सप्रेस, को वहां ठहराने की व्यवस्था की जायेगी ?

डा० राम सुभग सिंह : इसको देखकर के बता सकते हैं।

PRODUCTION AND EXPORT OF COSMETICS

*401. DR. SHRIMATI PHULRENU GUHA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the present position of the production of cosmetics in India; and

(b) the annual amount and value of the export of India-made cosmetics ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH) : (a) The value of principal items of cosmetics produced in India in 1965 was Rs. 11.35 crores.

(b) No imports of finished cosmetics are allowed. Such imports are totally banned. The total value of cosmetics exported in 1965 was Rs. 7.86 lakhs.

DR. SHRIMATI PHULRENU GUHA : Are we to understand that we are not exporting any cosmetics which are produced in India ?

SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH : I said it was exported and the total value in 1965 was Rs. 7.86 lakhs and that imports of finished cosmetics are banned.

DR. SHRIMATI PHULRENU GUHA : What are the items we are exporting ?

SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH : A large number of items, and the hon. lady Member knows what are the cosmetics. Practically all cosmetics, like face cream and snow, hair oils, tooth pastes and tooth powder, and face powder and so on.

DR. SHRIMATI PHULRENU GUHA : May we know whether more exports will be arranged next year or this year, whether there will be a lesser use of them in the country, whether some measures will be taken whereby cosmetics will be used lesser in the country and thereby whether we will have an arrangement to export more ?

SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH : Yes. We will make the maximum efforts to export and I hope the hon. lady Member will support us in seeing that no protests are received from women members.