

SHRI SHAM NATH: It is correct that the Railways have been incurring some losses in the form of damage to their property and that it was due to this that a scheme was prepared by the Ministry of Irrigation and Power in 1962 involving an expenditure of about Rs. 321 lakhs, but it is still awaiting sanction of the Finance Ministry.

State Governments of Punjab and Rajasthan that this scheme should be immediately undertaken and at the instance of the Railway Ministry the Central Water and Power Commission is going into the matter and we will again request that it should be immediately undertaken.

श्री विमलकुमार मन्नालालजी चौरङ्गिया :
या श्रीमान् यह बतलायेंगे कि वह योजना तो करीब 3 करोड़ रु० की बनी है, लेकिन रेलवे को प्रति वर्ष हजारों रु० का नुकसान होता है, ऐसी स्थिति में रेलवे विभाग के द्वारा भी वित्त मंत्रालय को कुछ सहयोग देकर के या उसका हिस्सा बांट कर के, इस काम को शीघ्र करवाने के लिये कोई विशेष कदम उठा रहे हैं ?

श्री शाम नाथ : अभी हाल में मिनिस्टरी आफ इरिगेशन ऐंड पावर को यह बात बता दी गई थी कि अगर फौरन इस स्कीम को इम्प्लैमेंट नहीं किया जाता है, तो रेलवे को मजबूर होकर के अपने कुछ ऐंटी फ्लड मेजर्स लेने पड़ेंगे और ऐसी हालत में जो मेजर्स लिये जायेंगे, उनका कास्ट स्टेट गवर्नमेंट को बर्दाश्त करना पड़ेगा।

SHRI I. K. GUJRAL : The hon. Minister has said that the original scheme for the prevention of flood in the area was prepared in 1962 and again there was a very devastating flood in 1964. Unfortunately, according to him, the Government has not yet been convinced that early action is necessary. May I ask him if he would take steps at the Cabinet level and see that the scheme gets out of the examination stage and implementation starts ?

SHRI RAM SUBHAG SINGH: After the floods last year, the matter was taken up not only at the Cabinet level but the Railway Ministry approached the Minister of Irrigation and Power, the Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission and the L12RS/65—2

*274. [The questioner {Thakur Bhanu! Pratap Singh) was absent. For answer, vide col 1900 infra.]

PROVISION OF BEDDINGS FOR FIRST CLASS PASSENGERS

*275. SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the stations where beddings can be provided to first class passengers for their travel at night;

(b) whether it is proposed to extend the service to some other stations also; and

(c) what are the arrangements for stocking the beddings when they are not in use ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM SUBHAG SINGH): (a) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Bedding sets when not in use? are Stocked at the respective stations at a suitable place under the control of the Station Master.

STATEMENT

Stations where bedding sets can be made available to First Class passengers

1. Bombay V.T.	7. Agra Cantt.
2. Poona	8. Howrah
3. Jalgaon	9. Bhubaneswar
4. Nagpur	10. Puri
5. Secunderabad	
6. Sanchi	12. Tatanagar

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| 13. Rourkela | 35. Kalka |
| 14. Durg | 36. Chandigarh |
| 15. Bombay Central | 37. Nangal Dam |
| 16. Baroda | 38. Bareilly |
| 17. Ahmedabad | 39. Hardwar |
| 18. Ratlam | 40. Dehradun |
| 19. Kota | 41. Amritsar |
| 20. Ujjain. | 42. Pathankot |
| 21. Viramgam | 43. Lucknow |
| 22. Agra Fort | 44. Varanasi Jn. |
| 23. Udaipur | 45. Allahabad |
| 24. Ajmer | 46. Kanpur Central |
| 25. Jaipur | 47. Bangalore City |
| 26. Chittorgarh | 48. Bijapur |
| 27. Abu Road | 49. Hubli |
| 28. Indore | 50. Madras Central |
| 29. Rajkot | 51. Madras Egmore |
| 30. Okha | 52. Mysore |
| 31. Mehsana | 53. Miraj |
| 32. Gorakhpur | 54. Sholapur |
| 33. Delhi | 55. Vascodagama |
| 34. New Delhi | |

SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: May I know what has been the criterion of choosing stations for the supply of such beddings and whether all the State capitals have been covered by this scheme ?

SHRI RAM SUBHAG SINGH: The list which has been laid on the Table contains 55 stations. They are generally bigger stations. We are also proposing to include in this list another 49 stations and they will virtually cover all the important cities including capital cities. But there are certain capital cities where there is no railway and so they will have to be excluded.

SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: May I know from the hon. Minister whether he considers that Patna, Bhopal and Hyderabad are not big enough cities to be included in this list?

SHRI RAM SUBHAG SINGH: In the proposed additional list these stations are included, Patna, Bhopal, etc.

SHRI M. R. SHERVANI: May I know whether the Minister is aware that out of the stations which have been mentioned in the list in a majority of them beddings are not available to more than 50 per cent, of the passengers desiring to have them and whether he has any intention to increase the number of beddings in those stations ?

SHRI RAM SUBHAG SINGH: That we will consider.

SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: May I know from the hon. Minister whether he has got any complaints about the maintenance of these beddings ? There are sometimes rats found inside the beddings as soon as they are opened and the passengers are put to a lot of inconvenience. Actually, rats were found in one of the beddings.

SHRI RAM SUBHAG SINGH: We have received certain complaints. I am not familiar with rats but if there is any complaint we shall take additional precautions.

SHRI T. V. ANANDAN: Was there any occasion when it was reported to the Railway Administration that these beddings issued to the first class passengers were not returned and the poor attendant had to bear their cost ?

SHRI RAM SUBHAG SINGH: May be.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Has it been brought to your notice ?

SHRI RAM SUBHAG SINGH: It was not brought to our notice but that may also be a fact.

SHRIMATI SHAKUNTALA PARANJ-PYE: I would like to know if one has to reserve these beddings in advance or does one get them just when he wants them ?

SHRI RAM SUBHAG SINGH: They will have to be reserved in advance but sometimes when the passengers reach a

station and if they require beddings they are given at those places also, provided they deposit the money.

SHRI ARJUN ARORA: May I know what in the opinion of the Minister is a suitable place for stocking beddings? He has said that they are stocked at a suitable place. Which are suitable places and may I know whether in selecting a suitable place, care is taken to ensure that the places where the beddings are stocked are kept free from bugs?

SHRI RAM SUBHAG SINGH: That is also one of the criteria. By 'suitable' we mean that the place should not be rat-infested or bug-infested or insect-infested.

SHRI B. K. P. SINHA: May I know if there

श्री देवकीनंदन नारायण : क्या मंत्री महोदय यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि यह जो सुविधा फर्स्ट क्लास के पैसेंजर्स को दी जाती है, यह थर्ड क्लास के स्लीपर कोच में चलने वाले यात्रियों को भी मिल सकती है ?

श्री राम सुभग सिंह : अभी तो नहीं है, लेकिन इसे सोचा जा सकता है।

is any arrangement at the stocking centres to wash and sterilise the cotton bed covers and the pillow covers after every use?

SHRI RAM SUBHAG SINGH: They are supposed to be insect-free and provision for washing, ironing, etc. is all there.

SHRI G. M. MIR: May I know whether it is a fact that the charge for these beddings is very high and whether he will consider the possibility of reducing it?

SHRI RAM SUBHAG SINGH: The charges are only Rs. 3 and with that one can go from here to Madras.

DR. M. M. S. SIDDHU: May I know whether the Railways have got arrangements for sterilisation of the beddings which

are used by the passengers and if so, at which stations do these facilities exist?

SHRI RAM SUBHAG SINGH: I have already answered this question, Sir.

SHRI G. RAMACHANDRAN: In view of the extreme scepticism that is being expressed from the different parts of this House, will the hon. Minister be pleased to withdraw this arrangement for the supply of beddings to passengers!

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: It is a suggestion for action.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Next question.

*276. [The questioner (Shri Dayaldas Knrre) was absent. For answer, vide Cols. 1900-1901 infra.]

बोकारो इस्पात कारखाने का निर्माण कार्य

*277. श्री राम सहाय : क्या इस्पात तथा खान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) बोकारो इस्पात कारखाने, जिसके संबंध में जनवरी, 1965 में विदेश से एक करार हुआ था, का काम कब आरम्भ होगा; और

(ख) इस परियोजना में कितने व्यक्तियों को काम मिल सकेगा ?

[WORK ON BOKARO STEEL PLANT

*277. SHRI RAM SAHAI : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) when the work on Bokaro Steel Plant in respect of which an agreement was concluded with a foreign country in the months of January 1965, is likely to be started; and

(b) how many persons are likely to get employment in this project ?]

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