

SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY: There was no police at that time. There was a passing goods train which stopped and that infused confidence in the passengers.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: You have the Railway Protection Force, we understand it, and they are heavily paid also for that. What happened to them? So far as we gather neither they stopped the dacoite, nor were their turbans robbed.

SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY: The G.R.P. do not accompany all the trains. This was not one of the trains where the police was there.

SHRI NIRANJAN SINGH: I would like to know whether on the spot, that is, on the station there was police or not, because after all it is a railway station. It was not a running train. The incident took place at a railway station. Was there any Railway Police or not?

SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY: This is a small station. There was no Railway Police.

SHRI A. B. VAJPAYEE: May I put a supplementary question? Is it a fact that the responsibility for the safety of the railway staff at wayside stations is divided between the Railway authorities and the State Governments and that the necessary cooperation from the State Governments is not forthcoming?

SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY: There is no question of division. The Railway Protection Force deals with the protection of property entrusted to the Railways, whereas crime is always the lookout of the State Governments.

SHRI NIRANJAN SINGH: If there is no Railway Police at this particular station and if there is a collection from the sale of tickets, may I know how that amount is protected by the Railway staff?

SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY: The ordinary protection of prudence and caution. Till the money is collected and taken to the central office, they are supposed to keep secure the money they have with them.

SHRI N. SRI RAMA REDDY: This may be a very odd station, but do the Railway Ministry propose to give protection to Railway personnel at odd Railway stations?

SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY: This was an extraordinary occurrence in some odd railway station. If in an out-of-the-way station dacoits come, we cannot be affording protection to all those persons.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

MODEL DEMONSTRATION FARMS

*56. SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether model demonstration farms are proposed to be set up in the country with the help of the Government of Japan; and

(b) if so, the States where they are likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH): (a) Yes.

(b) Four demonstration farms are being established at Ranaghat in Nadia district (West Bengal), at Chakuli in Sambalpur district (Orissa), at Arrah in Shahabad district (Bihar) and at Vyra in Surat district (Gujarat).