

waiting list and we send the regret slip. On the day on which they are expected to travel we expect them to come and call at the office, and if there are any vacancies, they will be given in the order of priority of registration. I do not want to give the figures.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: What happens if the Ministers' reservations are not cancelled?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Next question.

TICKETLESS TRAVELLING BETWEEN SRI GANGA NAGAR AND HANUMANGARH

*216. SHRI JUGAL KISHORE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state whether it is a fact that ticketless travelling is on the increase between Sri Ganga Nagar and Hanumangarh stations on the Northern Railway in Bikaner Division?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): The percentage of passengers detected travelling without ticket, to the total number of passengers travelling, as revealed in the special checks conducted in December, 1960, is more than that revealed in the similar checks in April, 1960.

SHRI JUGAL KISHORE: May I know whether the Government have received a complaint from a Second Class passenger of that area that certain persons were travelling in Second Class without ticket? He made a complaint to the T.T.E., the Guard and the Station Master, but no action was taken and instead the complainant was accused of misbehaviour.

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: I am personally not aware of this complaint having been made, but if it has been made, it will be looked into properly.

SHRI JUGAL KISHORE: A copy of this complaint was sent to the General Manager, to the Railway Minister and the Deputy Minister on 6th January 1961.

MR. CHAIRMAN: If you send a circular petition to the General Manager, the Divisional Manager and the Minister, each one thinks that the other is looking into it, and nobody does it.

DIWAN CHAMAN LALL: May I ask whether there is any proposal to revive the old scheme of travelling ticket collectors in order to put an end to this ticketless travel?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: There is a large number of travelling ticket examiners who accompany the trains and check the trains while the trains are on the move.

DIWAN CHAMAN LALL: Are they sufficient in number?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: They are quite sufficient in number.

SHRI SATYACHARAN: Since ticketless travelling is not restricted to any particular area but is found practically in all parts of India—I can speak about the northern Indian portion—what effective steps are the Government proposing to root out this evil?

MR. CHAIRMAN: He says, since ticketless travelling is not confined to any one region but extends over the whole area of the country, what specific steps are you taking to improve the character of our people?

SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM: Thank you, Sir. You have given the answer.

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: The original question was whether ticketless travelling between these two stations is on the increase, and the hon. Minister only quoted the figures of two months. I would like specially to know what the tendency is, whether it is on the increase or decrease between these two stations.

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: It is fluctuating.

SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: There are special checking squads

appointed, and they accidentally enter the compartments and the trains. May I know what results these squads have brought about? Have they brought down ticketless travelling?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: The squads do not enter the compartments accidentally. They enter the compartments intentionally all of a sudden, and the whole idea is that it should come as a surprise to the ticketless travellers. They have produced good results. In addition, we have got special squads working in co-operation with the Railway Magistrates who catch the ticketless travellers and try them on the spot.

DR. SHRIMATI SEETA PARNAND: Is Government aware that on quite a number of branch lines hardly any tickets are sold and money is collected from the passengers without tickets? Have Government made an attempt to check on certain days the number of passengers travelling in certain trains and the number of tickets sold at the stations?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: We have this question under review constantly, but if the hon. Member would let me know any particular section in which people do not purchase tickets, I shall pay special attention to that.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: Sir, you have said that the character of the people should be improved. May I know whether the hon. Minister is aware—because he reads newspapers, I take it—that a certain Congress M.L.A. was apprehended at the Howrah Station for ticketless travel? May I know whether the Railway Minister wrote to him and asked him to improve his character?

(No reply.)

SHRI T. S. PATTABIRAMAN: May I know whether the Communist Party is encouraging ticketless travel whenever its members have to attend meetings of the Party?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Next question.

DERAILMENT OF GAYA-MUGHALSARAI PASSENGER TRAIN

*217. **SHRI FARIDUL HAQ ANSARI:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Gaya-Mughalsarai Passenger train got derailed at Muthani station on the Eastern Railway in the third week of January 1961; and

(b) if so what was the cause of the derailment?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY):

(a) and (b). On 22nd January 1961 at about 10-22 hrs., while 349 Up Gaya-Mughalsarai Passenger was running between Muthani and Bhabua Road stations, tender of the train engine with 8 bogies next to it derailed. The accident was due to breakage of a rail near the rail joint. The cause for failure of rail is under investigation.

ACCOUNTS OF THE WORLD AGRICULTURE FAIR HELD IN 1959

*218. **SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the final accounts of the World Agriculture Fair held in Delhi in 1959 have been submitted to Government; and

(b) if so, whether the accounts show any deficit or surplus?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (DR. P. S. DESHMUKH): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: May I know when it is going to be submitted?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: It should not take more than a couple of months.