

similar attacks from Naga hostiles have been made on the railways? May I know whether sufficient security measures are already there so that such incidents could not happen?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: Sir, attacks of this nature have been taking place occasionally, and adequate security arrangements are already in existence. But it is very difficult to provide absolute guarantee against snipers because the country is very thickly wooded and it is extremely difficult to provide absolute security, nevertheless adequate arrangements have been made for patrolling, and also we have now put on steel plates on the locomotives which provide the necessary security.

SHRI S. C. DEB: May I know whether after the incident of the 24th of May sufficient security measures were there so that the second one could not have happened?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: Sir, as I said, adequate security measures were there, but the nature of the country, as the hon. Member knows it better than anybody else here, is such that there are very thick forests on either side of the railway track, and it is very difficult to prevent, any odd hostile from sniping at the train. But, as I said, we have made adequate security arrangements, and since then we have not had any other incident, since 1st June 1960.

SHRI S. C. DEB: May I know whether it is a fact that there was a strike by the railwaymen because there were not sufficient security measures to protect their lives?

SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM: There was no strike as such. At one stage the drivers and others were ready to run the trains. But it was the politicians who dissuaded them from running them.

SHRI B. K. P. SINHA: May I know who the politicians were?

(No reply.)

SHRI NIRANJAN SINGH: In the statement it is stated that these were Express Goods trains. Therefore, may I know how much property has been looted by those people?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: As I said, it was just a case of sniping at the train; there was no attempt to loot any railway property or anything.

*61 and *62. [The questioner (Shri M. P. Bhargava) was absent. For answers, vide cols. 235—37 infra.]

SERVICE CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYEES OF CENTRAL WAREHOUSING CORPORATION

*63. { **SHRI BABUBHAI CHINAI**†;
 { **SHRI K. K. SHAH**;
 { **SHRI M. M. MEHTA**;

Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Warehousing Corporation is following the Central Government's rules in regard to the service conditions of its employees; and

(b) if not, the reasons for the same?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI A. M. THOMAS): (a) and (b) Under Section 54(2) (a) of the Agricultural Produce (Development and Warehousing) Corporations Act, 1956 the Corporation is authorized to regulate the conditions of service of its employees. The Regulations framed by the Corporation are generally based on Central Government's rules.

SHRI BABUBHAI CHINAI: May I know whether the employees of the Corporation attached to the warehouses situated in the different States are getting dearness allowance on the basis of the State scale or the Central scale?

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Babubhai Chinai.

SHRI A. M. THOMAS: This question refers to the employees of the Central Warehousing Corporation, not to those of the State warehouses. They are governed by the State scales.

SHRI BABUBHAI CHINAI: But the Central warehouses are situated in the different States. I want to know whether the employees there are getting dearness allowance on the State scale or the Central scale?

SHRI A. M. THOMAS: Central scale.

FACILITY OF FANS TO PASSENGERS AT LOHARU RAILWAY STATION

*64. **SHRI BANSI LAL:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the facility of fans is not provided to the passengers at Loharu railway station during day time; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons for the same?

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Electric power required for operating the fans is supplied from the railway's own generating sets which are run primarily for pumping water and also for lighting and fans. These sets are operated for only 16 hours a day, so that fans are not available for the remaining 8 hours.

SHRI JUGAL KISHORE: May I know Sir, whether the Government is aware that Loharu being the junctions which connects Punjab and Rajasthan, is very hot in day time? Will the Government provide facilities of fans and water during the day time instead of during the night time?

SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY: It is about fan.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: Sir, in reply to part (a) of the question, the hon. Deputy Minister has said 'Yes'. I

want to know whether that 'Yes' means 'No'. If it is the case that the fans are not provided, then it should be 'No Sir.' For the second part of the question, he gave the answer 'No'.

SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM: That depends upon the intelligence of the hon. Member.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: It is not intelligence of the speaker, but the peculiarity of the English language. English language is not my language.

OBSTRUCTION CAUSED BY TELEPHONE LINE

*65. **SHRI BANSI LAL:** Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation from the concerned residents of Bhiwani regarding the shifting of a telephone line which is causing obstruction in the construction of many buildings in a suburb of Bhiwani City; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (DR. P. SUBBARAYAN): (a) Yes.

(b) The line has been shifted.

SAVINGS BANK FACILITIES AT BLOCK HEADQUARTERS

*66. **SHRI NIRANJAN SINGH:** Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state whether provision of savings bank facilities at the Block Headquarters have been made?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (DR. P. SUBBARAYAN): It is the policy of the Government to provide savings bank facilities at all post offices at the Headquarters of Panchayat, Block Development and National Extension areas subject to certain considerations of suitability of the Branch Postmaster and safety of cash etc. being satisfied. The progress is gradual and