

कुछ सीक्रेट बात करना चाहते हैं तो नहीं कर सकते हैं ?

श्री एस० के० पाटिल : मुझ को यह जानकारी नहीं है, मैं मानता हूँ । अभी मैं इसकी इंक्विरी करना चाहता हूँ ।

PROVISION OF JOURNALS AND MAGAZINES IN THE AIRCRAFT OF THE INDIAN AIRLINES CORPORATION

»233. SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any journals and magazines are provided in the aircraft of the Indian Airlines Corporation for the benefit of the passengers;

(b) if so, which; and

(c) what is the annual expenditure thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI AHMED MOHTUD-DIN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha. [See Appendix XXII, Annexure No. 24.]

(c) About Rs. 43,800.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: Sir, from the statement it appears the Government provides quite a number of newspapers and magazines, and the list includes the 'Time', the 'Life' the 'Readers Digest' and others, which are all full of cold war propaganda and slanders against India. May I know, Sir, when such literature is being provided on board the aircraft of the Indian Airlines Corporation, why not a single literature from any of the socialist countries is placed there, when they propagate Panchsheel and peace and only contain praise about India?

SHRI S. K. PATIL: Sir, we generally keep in these planes periodicals that are generally liked by the passengers;

we have no intention of educating them.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: May I know, Sir, on what basis and by what statistical examination the Government has found out that the people travelling by air generally like sex, cold war propaganda and slanders against India?

SHRI S. K. PATIL: The passengers seem to be very much liking the periodicals that are supplied to them. No statistics are required for that purpose.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: I would like to ask the Government. It is no use replying that way. I have never received a letter from the Government enquiring as to what I like; I would like to know from the hon. Minister how many Members or for that matter the Chairman of the House have received any letters asking as to what kind of magazines they would like to have when they travel by air. Let him answer. There is no use being smart on such matters.

SHRI S. K. PATIL: It is a matter of opinion. So far as the passengers are concerned, if they do not like a particular magazine or periodical, they are free to express their opinions. Forms are kept in the aeroplanes where they can write any suggestions that they may like to make, and by and large we have found there is complete satisfaction so far as these periodicals are concerned.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: May I know if the Government will place before the House all those forms in which suggestions have been made with regard to the journals people seem to like?

SHRI S. K. PATIL: It is a printed form; hundreds and thousands of them are there in the office. If anybody wants them, surely I shall bundle them and . . .

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: Sir, I want to make a submission. We ask questions with a view to drawing the attention of the House to certain matters that we consider important and we desire a straight answer. What is this? Bundles are kept in the office; if they want they will get it. Why don't you ask before you buy those papers?

SHRI S. K. PATIL: That is not a part of my duty. The question was asked and I replied.

**DEFECTS IN AIR-CONDITIONED COACHES
RUNNING ON THE DELHI-AHMEDABAD
METER-GAUGE LINE**

*234. SHRI N. R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the General Manager of the Western Railway has received complaints about serious mechanical defects in the construction of the air-conditioned coaches running of the Delhi-Ahmedabad meter-gauge line; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to remedy the defects?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN) : (a) Yes, with regard to their riding qualities;

(b) Relocation of dynamo-suspension has improved their riding quality.

SHRI N. R. MALKANI: I wrote to the General Manager of the Northern Railway on the 13th April 1957 and again on 3rd April 1958 and I got a reply on the 1st May and I have been writing since then but I find no improvement whatsoever. Nothing has been done and nobody is aware of it.

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: A great deal has been done. In fact the hon. Member in one of his letters wrote that riding in one of those air-sometimes the ordinary dictionary a rough camel.

SHRI N. R. MALKANI: Slightly worse.

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: But we have actually taken steps; we have relocated the dynamos which were responsible for this rough riding and I hope the next time the hon. Member goes by that train he will find the riding much better.

SHRI N. R. MALKANI: May I know who designed these coaches and whether the designers have been held responsible for ill designing?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: There was nothing wrong with the designs. Normally the dynamos are suspended from the under-frames but in this particular case in order to have a certain V-type of belts we had to suspend it from another place. But we found that that made the riding rough and we have changed it now and things have improved.

SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR BASU: Is the hon. Minister aware that due to defective coupling there is continual jumping and bumping in many air-conditioned coaches?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: The rough riding is not due to defective coupling. It may be due to anything else but not due to coupling.

SHRI H. N. KUNZRU: Has Mr. Shah Nawaz Khan himself travelled in any of these coaches?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: Yes, Sir, I have.

SHRI H. N. KUNZRU: Has he found them very comfortable?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: They are not too bad, Sir.

*235. [The questioner (Shri V. C. Kesava Rao) was absent. For answer, vide col. 1226 infra.]

*236. [The questioner (Shri N. M. Lingam) was absent. For answer, vide cols. 1226-27 infra.]