

SHRI LAL BAHADUR: I never said that. I would urge upon the hon. Member to lay greater stress on production. I would like him to tell the workers that they should concentrate on their work and produce more.

MR. CHAIRMAN: What he says is that because of the non-recognition of the trade unions, the workers' amenities have not suffered.

SHRI S. N. MAZUMDAR: Is it not a fact that the victimisation of trade union workers is going on still in Chittaranjan?

SHRI LAL BAHADUR: In fact, it is the workers who are victimising the officers.

SHRI S. N. MAZUMDAR: The hon. the Railway Minister is confusing the two incidents. That matter I am not going to take up now. My question is this: Is it not a fact that.....

MR. CHAIRMAN: On the Railway Budget.

\*41. [The questioner (Shri T. S. Pattabiraman) was absent. For answer, vide cols. 344-346 infra.]

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REMOVAL OF SHOWER BATHS FROM BATH ROOMS AND FIXATION OF BERTHS AND REMOVAL OF READING LIGHTS FROM 1ST CLASS COMPARTMENTS.

\*43. KUMARI SHOILA BALA DAS: Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the shower baths in the bath rooms attached to the first class compartments and reading lights near the head of each berth in such compartments are proposed to be removed and that the berths therein are proposed to be converted into berths of the fixed pattern; and if so, why?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN): No, Sir.

PANDIT S. DUBE: Is it a fact that the extension berths in the second class compartments have been turned into fixed berths when these compartments were turned into Inter Class?

SHRI LAL BAHADUR: That is so. In some cases, it has been done, but we have recently issued instructions that the old type seats should not be converted into fixed seats.

SHRI P. SUNDARAYYA: I would like to raise one point: The reply to the question is 'No.' But when we travel, we find the shower fittings always fixed and completely sealed. Are our eyes deceiving us or is the hon. Minister deceiving us?

SHRI LAL BAHADUR: At least I have not tried to deceive him. I said that this has happened. I did not deny that. But we have issued instructions now that this should not be done further.

SHRI P. SUNDARAYYA: I was not referring to the hon. Minister but to the hon. the Deputy Minister for Railways. The question was whether it is a fact that the shower bath fittings in the first class compartments are being closed, and he said, 'No'.

SHRI LAL BAHADUR: I did not deny that.

SHRI P. SUNDARAYYA: His Deputy Minister has denied it. That is the reason why I am asking.

SHRI V. K. DHAGE: Will the hon. Minister see to it that these berths are re-converted?

MR. CHAIRMAN: That is a suggestion for action.