

SHRI BUTA SINGH : Sir, I am in a position to assure this hon. House that there has been no hindrance in the movement of foodgrains. All the foodgrains have been moved from Punjab and Haryana. I can say that we have been keeping our wagons waiting for loading foodgrains and other materials from the Punjab to the rest of the country.

Exporting; Railway Equipment

*437. SHRI S. KUMARAN : t

SHRI JANARDHANA REDDY: SHRI LAKSHMANA MAHAPATRO :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration to set up a company for manufacture of rail equipment for export; and (b) if so, what are the details thereof ? j THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHAMMAD SHAFI QURESHI) : fa)

While presenting the Railway Budget for 1976-77 in the House on 10th March 1976 ' it was stated that Government are considering setting up a construction unit as an autonomous company under the ae^i's of the Railway Ministry. Final approval to the setting up of the Company has still to be obtained.

(b) The company on formation, will bid for construction of railway projects particularly in foreign countries and is not intended for .taking up manufacturing of rail equipment for export purposes.

SHRI S. KUMARAN: Sir, I want to know whether the Railway Ministry have received any orders from foreign countries. I

SHRI MOHAMMAD SHAFI QURESHI : I said that the company is yet in the stage of formation. Once the company is formed, we will go out for contracts in J foreign countries. I

SHRI SANAT KUMAR RAHA : The proposed Railway Construction Company is going to be started with a very small capi- | tThe question was actually asked em the ' floor of the House by Shri S. Kumaran.

tal. I want to know from the hon. Minister whether the Railway Board or the Railway Ministry have studied this proposal in depth. If so, what is the amount of foreign exchange that they can earn for manufacturing railway machinery and other parts exportable abroad ? I want to know about the actual study made regarding foreign exchange earning.

SHRI MOHAMMAD SHAFI QURESHI : I have stated that this proposed Railway Construction Company will have an authorised capital of about Rs. 10 crores and about Rs. one crore will be initially contributed by the Railways. It is not going to manufacture any railway equipment. It is going to take up turn-key jobs for construction of railway lines in foreign countries. The amount of foreign exchange that we will earn, will depend upon *he orders that we get from foreign countries.

हाक विदेशों में भारतवर्ष के बने रेल के डिब्बों की मांग बढ़ती जा रही है और जो उन्नतिशील देश हैं वे भारतवर्ष के सहयोग से अपने यहां रेलवे लाइन बिछाने की ओर अग्रसर हो रहे हैं और इस प्रकार हमारे रेल के डिब्बों की ही नहीं बल्कि रेल के अन्य सामानों की मांग बढ़ रही है, तो क्या उस सारी मांग को पूरा करने के दृष्टिकोण से आपके यहां इस प्रकार की मैनु-फैक्चरिंग कैपेसिटी है, योग्यता और क्षमता है ? अगर उसकी पूरी क्षमता नहीं है तो उसकी वृद्धि करने की दिशा में आप क्या प्रयत्न कर रहे हैं ?

شری محمد شفیع قریشی :

ریلوے انجن وغیرہ کی ہماری جو ٹیکنیکل انجینئرنگ سروس ہے وہ سروس کا کام باہر کے ملکوں میں ابھی ہے۔ ابھی ہم نے

सिरिया में ईरान में सरोए का काम
कराया है हमने रेल के डबों
विगेंस और को चंग तम
और मलकों को भी एक्सपोर्ट
किये हैं और हम अपनी टेक्नोलॉजी
को भी एक्सपोर्ट किये हैं और
हमें आशा है हमारे पास पूरी
कंप्यूटिंग है और हम अपनी टेक्नोलॉजी
को एक्सपोर्ट करने के लान हैं
आज इंडियन रेलवे इस पोजीशन
में है कि वह फल ज़ाब किसी
भी मलक में ले सकती है-

†[श्री मुहम्मद शफी कुरेशी : रेलवे इंजन
वगैरा की हमारी ओ टेक्नीकल इंजीनियरिंग
सर्विस है वह सर्वे का काम बाहिर के मुलकों
में लेती है। अभी-अभी हमने सीरिया में ईरान
में सर्वे का काम कराया है। हमने रेल के डिब्बों
वेगेंस और कोचों की तमाम और मुलकों
को भी एक्सपोर्ट किए हैं और हमें उम्मीद
है कि हमारे पास पूरी कंप्यूटिंग है और हम
अपनी टेक्नोलॉजी को एक्सपोर्ट करने के
लायक हैं। आज इण्डियन रेलवे इस पोजीशन
में है कि वह फुल टर्म ज़ाब किसी भी मुलक
में ले सकते हैं।]

SHRI G. LAKSHMANAN : Sir, the export
facility through the State Trading Corporation
is already available to the Government of
India and the Railway Department. What is
the necessity to start another Railway
Construction Company to provide export
facility to the Railway Department ?

SHRI MOHAMMAD SHAFI QURESHI :
Sir, the State Trading Corporation is a trading
agency whereas this will be a construction
company. Our hon. friend should differentiate
between trading and construction.

t[I Hindi transliteration.

Political Interference by Multi-National Companies

438. SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA : t DR.
MATHEW KURIAN : SHRI RABI
RAY : DR. Z. A. AHMAD : SHRI
JAGJIT SINGH ANAND :

Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE-AND
COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to
state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government
propose to initiate a thorough study into the
operations of the multi-national companies in
the country with particular reference to
'political interference' by them; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE
MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND
COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI BEDA-
BRATA BARUA) : (a) and (b) There is no
proposal to make such a study with particular
reference to 'political interference' by multi-
national companies.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA : In the first
instance, I would like to know the number of
multi-national companies and their sub-
sidiaries operating in India. In view of the
most shocking disclosures being made about
the payoffs by Lockheed and many other
American multi-national companies to bribe
politicians, officials and ministers, why the
Government is not holding an investigation ?
May I know whether the Government is
aware that in a number of countries, such as
Japan, the stability of the Government is being
shaken as a result of these disclosures, that
the matter is being debated every day in the
Japanese Parliament and that the investigations
are also being telecast ? In this connection, I
would also like to know whether the
Government is aware that disclosures are being
made almost daily in the American Press that
these multi-national companies had been
working sometimes as a cover for the CIA
activities in the free world countries, that they
are bribing politicians and high-placed officials
and that they are also trying to secure orders from
other countries by bribing the concerned officials
and so on. In this connection, what is the !

tThe question was actually asked on floor
of the House by Shri Bhupesh Gupta