

श्री म० सा० द्विवेदी : इस वर्ष ।  
उन्होंने इसके बारे में बतलाया नहीं है ।

Mr. Speaker: This refers only to the North Eastern Railway.

रेलवे मंत्री ( श्री जगजीवन राम ) :  
जैसे जैसे कोचेज और रौलिंग स्टॉक की  
पोजीशन इम्प्रूव होती जायेगी वैसे वैसे शुरू  
होती जायेगी ।

श्री म० सा० द्विवेदी : इस वर्ष में हो  
जायेगी कि नहीं ?

श्री जगजीवन राम : आशा तो  
की जाती है ।

Shri N. R. Munisamy: May I know whether it has been brought to the notice of Government that overcrowding is partly due to ticketless travelling and, if so, what steps have been taken to eliminate this malaise?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: We have taken very comprehensive steps to check this evil of ticketless travelling. I think the most effective method we have found are the checks in which Railway magistrates are available nearly to try the offenders on the spot. Also we have increased the number of T.T.Es. in plain clothes and we are trying to catch them. We are doing everything possible to check this evil.

#### Commission of Inquiry on the Bombay-Calcutta Mail Accident

\*190. { Shri S. M. Banerjee:  
Sardar Iqbal Singh:  
Shri Tangamani:  
Shrimati Mafida Ahmed:  
Shri Hem Barua:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1363 on the 19th December, 1957 and state:

(a) whether the Commission of Inquiry appointed to inquire into the causes of Bombay-Calcutta Mail accident has submitted its report; and

(b) if so, whether a copy of the report will be laid on the Table?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) A copy of the Report, together with a copy of the Railway Ministry's Resolution indicating the line of action proposed to be taken thereon, is placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-531] 58.]

Shri S. M. Banerjee: May I know the recommendations of the Commission for the use of reversed Jaw type sleepers, welding of rail joints and more powerful engine headlights have been implemented?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: As a matter of fact, the recommendations which have been made, we are already following—most of them. In the railways we do have reversed jaw type sleepers. We have also accepted the policy of welding joints. We have already initiated action for strengthening of headlights. In fact, we are carrying out all the recommendations.

Shri Tangamani: In the Commission's report, there are as many as six recommendations. In the suggestions accepted by the Government we find that recommendations (c) and (e), namely, more powerful engine headlight to be used and special legislation to provide deterrent penalties on those found guilty, have not been included. Am I to understand that these two recommendations are not accepted?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: The recommendation regarding powerful headlights we have accepted and as I said action is being initiated.

The Minister of Railways (Shri Jagjivan Ram): Whether the headlights should be more powerful than what is provided at present is a matter for experts to decide. It is proposed to set up a high level committee of experts and scientists to decide whether more powerful headlights will be necessary or will help in the matter in any way. After that has been decided, necessary action will be taken.

**Shri Tangamani:** In the report we find that the cause of the accident is due to sabotage. May I know whether further steps for investigation have been taken to find out the reasons of this sabotage and if so, how many persons have been arrested?

**Shri Shahnawaz Khan:** The latest information that we had regarding this particular incident was that five persons had been arrested by the Bombay Police. We have not received any further information in this connection.

**Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri:** In view of the fact that sometimes accidents occur because of the tiredness of the engine driver, may I know whether the working hours of the driver have been looked into for correcting, if necessary?

**Shri Shahnawaz Khan:** That is looked into very carefully.

**Shri Gajendra Prasad Sinha:** The hon. Deputy Minister said that five persons have been arrested. What was the purpose behind this sabotage?

**Mr. Speaker:** You mean, why did they cause sabotage?

**Shri Gajendra Prasad Sinha:** What was the intention of these persons who have been arrested?

**Shri Shahnawaz Khan:** The Bombay Police are trying to find that out.

#### Air-Conditioned Accommodation

\*193. **Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that air-conditioned accommodation has been withdrawn from a number of trains;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the trains from which it has been withdrawn?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):** (a) Yes.

(b) Due to lack of patronage.

(c) A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 2.]

**Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri:** Considering that air-conditioned accommodation has been withdrawn from a number of trains, may I know how many of these have been replaced by third class compartments?

**Shri Shahnawaz Khan:** In every case where we have withdrawn air-conditioned coach, we have replaced it by third class. In fact, in the vestibule janata air-conditioned trains, we have removed one air-conditioned coach and put on three without any loss to timings.

**Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri:** May I know whether, where air-conditioned accommodation exists, it justifies its existence? Does it give the revenue commensurate with its maintenance?

**Shri Shahnawaz Khan:** Where it is adequately patronised, it does.

श्री म० सा० द्विवेदी : मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि ऐयर कंडिशनड कोचज के घटा देने से क्या मामूली यात्रियों को बहुत सुविधा नहीं मिल सकती है और इस तरह से त्रेलों पर आज जो भीड़ भाड़ होती है वह कम हो सकती है और यदि ऐसा है तो क्या और डिब्बे कम किये जायेंगे ?

रेलवे मंत्री (श्री जगजीवन राम) : जी हाँ, यही कारण है कि यह तय किया गया कि जहाँ जहाँ ऐयर कंडिशनड से यात्री काफी नहीं मिलते हैं वहाँ वहाँ उन के स्थान पर तीसरे दर्जे के डिब्बे लगा दिये जायें।

श्री म० सा० द्विवेदी : मेरा प्रश्न यह था कि ओवरक्राउडिंग को कम करने के लिए जहाँ हैं वहाँ भी कम कर देने चाहियें।

श्री जगजीवन राम : मैं ने यही कहा कि पालिसी यही है कि जहाँ जहाँ ऐयर कंडिशनड डिब्बों में काफी यात्री नहीं मिलते हैं, वहाँ वहाँ उन के स्थान पर तीसरे दर्जे के डिब्बे लगाये जायें जिस से तीसरे दर्जे की भीड़ कुछ कम हो जाय।