

The Minister of Railways (Shri Jagjivan Ram): There is nothing to consider, Sir. If it is your desire, I will have no objection in placing the Minutes of all these Consultative Committees in the Library of Parliament.

Mr. Speaker: From time to time.

Shri Jagjivan Ram: All the Minutes, Sir, not from time to time.

Mr. Speaker: Very well.

श्री विभूति मिश्र : मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या सरकार न ऐसा कोई सिद्धान्त बनाया है कि पार्लियामेंट के सदस्य जो उसमें प्रतिनिधि के रूप में लिए जायें वे कैसे लिये जायें ?

श्री जगजीवन राम : वहाँ चुनने का तो कोई सवाल नहीं है। हम तो यहाँ जो मिनिस्टर आफ पार्लियामेंटरी अफेयर्स हैं उनसे बातें करके इस सदन के कुछ सदस्यों को ले लिया करते हैं।

Prevention of Railway Accidents

*448. **Shri Wodeyar:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any plans for inventing a gadget for the prevention of Railway accidents; and

(b) whether any financial aid has been granted for their invention?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

Shri Wodeyar: May I know if any such plans have been rejected as being spurious?

Shri Shah Nawaz Khan: I am not aware of any such plan being rejected on that basis.

Shri Wodeyar: Is the Department of Government engaged in the construction of any such gadget?

Shri Shah Nawaz Khan: One gentleman by the name of Mr. Ponnuswamy

devised a certain mechanism for reducing the amount of damage, and that was a device whereby the vacuum brakes would be applied as soon as there was a derailment. That device is being scrutinised by the Railway Standards Office, and that device has been patented.

Shri Dasappa: May I know whether there are not instruments to detect track defects which could be placed on the railway line well beforehand, the instruments indicating the various defects in the track?

The Minister of Railways (Shri Jagjivan Ram): There are, and they are being tried on the Central Railway.

Shri Palaniandi: May I know who this Ponnuswamy is, whether he is a worker of the Railway concerned and whether he has been given any reward for his invention?

Shri Shah Nawaz Khan: Yes, he is a railway employee, and he has been given a reward.

Shri Joachim Alva: Is any beginning made to implement the recommendations of the Vasist Committee which toured the U.S.S.R., especially their observations with regard to the prevention of accidents?

Shri Jagjivan Ram: I will require notice to give any detailed reply.

Tuberculosis

*449. **Shrimati Ila Palchoudhury:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an all India survey was conducted by the Indian Council of Medical Research in order to ascertain the incidence of tuberculosis among the population of India; and

(b) if so, the result thereof?

The Minister of Health (Shri D. P. Karmarkar): (a) An all India T. B. Survey on a sample basis was taken up by the Indian Council of Medical Research in 1955. The survey is in progress.