

(xiv) DIFFICULTIES FACED BY PASSENGERS AT NEW DELHI AND OLD DELHI RAILWAY STATIONS DUE TO SEARCHES BY POLICE.

SHRI BHIKU RAM JAIN (Chandni Chowk) : For the past few days there had been complaints from passengers that they were being subjected to indiscriminate searches by the Police both at the New Delhi Station and the Old Delhi Railway Station. The searches were being conducted more to harass the passengers than for any bonafide reason to track criminals. There had been cases where passengers who had to change trains at the Old Delhi Station missed their trains because they were subjected to a long search of their baggage.

Another difficulty being experienced by the passengers at the Old Delhi Railway Station was that persons coming by cycle-rickshaws were stopped at the outer gate itself and they had to pay exorbitant charges to the coolies for their luggage. The passengers had also to walk a distance of nearly 200 yards to purchase their tickets. It might be mentioned that other vehicles i.e. private cars, taxis and auto-rickshaws are permitted inside. This discrimination should therefore be stopped so that no hardship is caused to passengers coming by cycle-rickshaws.

13 hrs.

DISCUSSION RE ATROCITIES COMMITTED ON SCHEDULED CASTES AND SCHEDULED TRIBES IN BIHAR AND OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : Now, we will take up the Discussion under Rule 193. The time allotted for this is 3 hours and 30 minutes. Now, Prof. Madhu Dandavate to start the discussion.

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE (Rajapur) : Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, I rise to raise.....(Interruptions)

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPA-YEE (New Delhi) : Sir, there is no Cabinet Minister present in the House particularly when such an important subject is taken up for discussion. How long will it go like this ?

SHRI CHANDRAJIT YADAV (Azamgarh) : What is the matter ? Not a single Cabinet Minister is present in the House. (Interruptions)

AN HON. MEMBER : The Minister is sitting there.

श्री सुरज भान (अम्बाला) : यह इस लिये है कि वह हरिजन हैं, शेड्यूल्ड कास्ट के मिनिस्टर हैं। यदि हरिजन न होते, तो वह भी न होते।

श्री रामावतार शास्त्री (पटना) : वह भले भ्रादमी हैं, इस लिये बैठे हैं।

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी : वैसे हरिजनों के लिए इन के दिल में बड़ा दर्द है।

SHRI CHANDRAJIT YADAV : Let one Cabinet Minister come here immediately. (Interruptions)

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPA-YEE : You adjourn the House till they come. (Interruptions)

SHRI SURAJ BHAN : Instead of waiting for them, you better adjourn the House. (Interruptions)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : It is lunch-hour between 1.00 P.M. and 2.00 P.M. You just wait, they will come here.