

# LOK SABHA DEBATES

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Tuesday, March 28, 1972/Chaitra  
8, 1894 (Saka)

*The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the  
Clock*

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

## WELCOME TO YUGOSLAV PARLIAM- ENTARY DELEGATION

MR. SPEAKER. Hon Members,  
before we commence the proceedings, I  
have to make an announcement.

I have the great privilege, and as is  
our convention, I welcome the President of  
the Federal Assembly of Yugoslavia, His  
Excellency Mr Mijalko Todorovic, Mrs  
Todorovic, Mr Ali Sukrija, Mr Mijusko  
Sibalic, Mr Almaz Dautbegovic, Dr Nikola  
Miljanic, Mrs Danika Puskaric, Mr Blagoja  
Taleski and Dr Joza Vilfan, who constitute  
the Yugoslav Parliamentary Delegation to  
India and other officers accompanying them.  
I hope they will excuse me for my bad  
pronunciation.

I welcome them and extend to them our  
very very hearty welcome and a very happy  
stay in our country.

Thank you.

We have a new Member who will take the  
oath

## MEMBER SWORN

SHRI BIREN ENGTI (Diphu—Assam).

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## ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

डाकूओं द्वारा यवत रेलवे स्टेशन (मध्य रेलवे)  
का लूटा जाना

\*161 डा० संकटा प्रसाद : क्या  
रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :  
(क) क्या मध्य रेलवे का यवत  
रेलवे स्टेशन 16/17 फरवरी, 1972 को  
डाकूओं द्वारा लूट लिया गया था;  
(ख) यदि हा, तो वहाँ पर हुई लूट  
में रेलवे की कितनी हानि हुई है; और  
(ग) इस प्रकार की डकैतियों से रेलवे  
स्टेशन की सुरक्षा के लिए सरकार द्वारा  
क्या उपाय किये गये हैं?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS  
(SHRI K. HANUMANTHAIYA) (a) Yes;  
on 16-2-72. The station is on South Cen-  
tral Railway

(b) Approximately Rs 570 in cash

(c) The culprits responsible for such  
offences in Maharashtra and Andhra  
Pradesh States were rounded up by the  
Maharashtra Police. All the important and  
major stations are manned by Government  
Railway Police and RPF Staff. Plain  
clothes Police men have also been deployed  
to collect information and watch the acti-  
vities of criminals.

DR. SANKATA PRASAD : What is the  
average loss per annum suffered by the  
Indian Railways on account of thefts and  
dacoities?

SHRI K. HANUMANTHAIYA : It is  
estimated to be about Rs. 5 crores.

SHRI DHAMANKAR : May I know  
from the hon Minister whether the RPF  
was there at that time?

**SHRI K. HANUMANTHAIYA:** The force was not there at that time. These dacoities take place all of a sudden and every station has not got RPF. They are sent when required.

**MR. SPEAKER:** All of a sudden? The dacoits don't give notice!

**श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय:** अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं आप के माध्यम से मंत्री महोदय से यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि जहाँ यह डकैती होती है वह अक्सर छोटे-छोटे स्टेशनों पर जोकि जंगलों में होते हैं, अधिकतर होती है तो इस के लिए क्या उन छोटे रेलवे स्टेशनों पर सुरक्षा मम्बन्धी कोई विशेष व्यवस्था की गई है? ऐसे जंगली इलाकों में पड़ने वाले छोटे स्टेशनों पर जहाँ यह लूट और डकैतियाँ अक्सर होती हैं वहाँ के लिए क्या मंत्री महोदय ने कोई विशेष सुरक्षात्मक व्यवस्था की है?

**अध्यक्ष महोदय:** इनके इलाके में ज्यादा होती है।

**श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय:** सही बात है।

**SHRI K. HANUMANTHAIYA:** Fortunately the dacoities are not on as large a scale as the hon Member makes out. We have certainly taken precautions to see that the railway property and the property of railway stations are properly safeguarded. Sometimes it happens, once in a while.

**श्री झारखंडे राय:** मध्य रेलवे और हिन्दुस्तान की अन्य ऐसी रेलवेज है जो एकान्त, जंगली और बियाबान स्थानों से होकर गुजरती है और उनके बीच पड़ने वाले रेलवे स्टेशनों पर और चलती रेलों में भी अक्सर लूट और डकैतियों की वारदातें होती रहती हैं, जैसे उदाहरणार्थ लखनऊ झांसी के बीच रेलवे लाइन पर घटित होती है इस को रोकने के लिए और रेलवेज की सम्पत्ति आदि की सुरक्षा के लिए कोई विशेष सुरक्षा फोर्स रखने का विचार किया जा रहा है या कर लिया गया है?

**SHRI. K. HANUMANTHAIYA:** There is no separate force meant only for dacoities. They are doing the general work and they detect if possible wherever there is dacoity but there is no particular force as such meant only for finding out dacoities.

**REDUCTION IN PRICE OF COARSE AND MEDIUM CLOTH**

\*163. **SHRI DHARAMRAO AFZALPURKAR:** Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the prices of coarse and medium varieties of cloth were higher in December, 1971 in comparison to the prices prevailing in the month of January, 1970; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to effect a reduction in the prices of such cloth which is generally used by poor people?

**THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI L. N. MISHRA):** (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

*Statement*

(a) There has been no increase in the prices of controlled cloth (Coarse and Medium B) since May, 1968. However, the percentage increase in the prices of non-controlled varieties of Coarse and Medium cloth between January, 1970 and December, 1971 is as follows:

Coarse	.. 25.39 to 40.32
Lower Medium	.. 16.35 to 45.12
Higher Medium	.. 4.16 to 50.00

(b) Prices of non controlled cloth are determined by the demand and supply position.

**SHRI DHARAMRAO AFZALPURKAR:** According to the statement, the percentage increase in the prices of controlled variety of coarse and medium cloth and higher medium are 25 to 40, 16 to 45 and 4 to 50. May I know from the hon. Minister as to what steps Government has taken to bring down prices so that the poor man can purchase the medium and also the coarse variety.