

making rifles and other things ourselves.

SHRI HEM BARUA: It is we who have to explore the possibilities... (Interruptions).

MR. SPEAKER: Next Question.

बाढ़ों के कारण रेल सेवाओं में गड़बड़ी

* 334. श्री श्रीकार लाल बेरवा : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि जून तथा अक्टूबर, 1968 के बीच राजस्थान और गुजरात में बाढ़ के कारण रेल सेवाओं में गड़बड़ी हुई थी; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो इसके फलस्वरूप रेलवे सम्पत्ति को कितनी हानि हुई ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI PARIMAL GHOSH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Rs. 132 lakhs approximately.

श्री श्रीकार लाल बेरवा : गुजरात और राजस्थान का मैंने पूछा था । आपने दोनों का बताया है न ? यह जो 132 लाख रुपया आपने बताया है कि नुकसान हुआ, यह ट्रेनिंग के कारण हुआ या टूटफूट के कारण हुआ ?

SHRI PARIMAL GHOSH: Sir, the loss that we have incurred because of the dislocation of the service has not been properly estimated as yet but the figure that I am giving here is the loss to Railway property that has been caused due to the breaches.

श्री श्रीकार लाल बेरवा : साइन चापकी रुक गई थी । गाड़ियां चापकी सीधी न पाकर लम्बे ब्रैक से आईं । जैसे कड़ीस से पैसेंजर मोपाल होते हुए दिल्ली आईं । यह नुकसान परमात्मा की

तरफ से नहीं हुआ था । लेकिन आपने उनसे इन्क कि भया किया-4 क्या यह भी उसी में शामिल कर लिया गया है, या यह अलग है और इबल किराया लेने का क्या कारण था ?

SHRI PARIMAL GHOSH: Sir, it is not a question of charging double rate. Because of the breaches we had to divert passengers in circuitous route. That is the facility given to the passengers and naturally for that extra mileage, we have to charge on mileage basis.

श्री सीता राम केसरी : बिहार में बहुत भारी बाढ़ आई और उस बाढ़ के कारण विशेषकर पूर्णिया जिले में और.....

MR. SPEAKER: It is only about Gujarat and Rajasthan, not Bihar. Otherwise the whole of India will be covered. This is about Gujarat and Rajasthan.

SHRI MANUBHAI PATEL: In south Gujarat great dislocation has been caused during the last flood. But it was not only due to the flood alone. Every year it is a general scene that so many dislocations are taking place. I want to know whether it is due to wrong planning. May I know from the Minister whether Government will investigate into the matter and try to deviate the whole line if necessary in order to avoid this break in the railway lines every year?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA): Sir, in Gujarat particularly the intensity of the flood damage has been very much this year. For the last 30 years perhaps we did not suffer such a havoc due to floods. Actually the entire tributaries of the Narmada and the other rivers confluenced and the whole area became a sheet of water. It was an unprecedented flood. As a matter of fact, in the normal conditions the water drainage system is adequate. But in an abnormal situation one can-

not plan. This matter is being kept in view when we are going to redo some of these bridges and culverts. We are now thinking of adding additional spans so that the waterway provided will be better laid and the flood conditions may be better controlled.

SHRI SRADHAKAR SUPAKAR: Sir, regarding the unusual nature of floods in almost all parts of India, will the Government take any measure to readjust the alignment of the railway tracks, bridges and culverts and even in normal lines where there are breaches, so that diversion of the trains and other difficulties do not recur in future?

SHRI PARIMAL GHOSH: The normal waterways that have been provided in each of the railway embankments are adequate enough for the normal floods.

SHRI RANGA: Not adequate enough.

SHRI PARIMAL GHOSH: But because of the unprecedented floods that have come this year, we have to review some of the portions to find out whether the waterways are really adequate or not. In view of the examination that is now being carried out if we find that there are places where improvements are necessary, necessary measures will be taken in that regard in those places.

श्री श्रीठालाल मीना : गत बरसात में कोटा डिवीजन के सवाई माधोपुर क्षेत्र में भारी बाढ़ के कारण कुल रेलवे को किलना नुकसान उठाना पड़ा है ? वहाँ पर प्रायः अधिक वर्षा होती रहती है । वहाँ पर पुलों को तथा लाइन को दुबारा नुकसान न हो, इसका कोई स्थायी हल सरकार सोच रही है ? यदि हाँ, तो उसका व्यय क्या है ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA): I think it was about Rs. 13 to 20 lakhs in that

particular sector including one other branch line in that area. These floods were most unexpected. The Ghaggar river for some reasons is now flooding up. That matter is now being studied by the Irrigation Ministry separately. The Ghaggar which was practically a dry river is now having increased floods. This matter is under study by the Irrigation Ministry, and on their advice whatever needs to be done for the railway track will be done.

श्री श्रीठालाल मीना : मंत्री महोदय को बालूम ही नहीं है कि बरबर नदी वहाँ नहीं है । वहाँ पर घाम तीर पर भारी बरसात होती है और नुकसान भी वहाँ भारी होता है । उसका कोई स्थायी हल प्राय निकालने जा रहे हैं, यह मैंने पूछा था ।

श्री जे० मु० पुनाचा : प्रायने राजस्थान के बारे में पूछा था ।

श्री श्रीठालाल मीना : कोटा डिवीजन का मैंने नाम लिया था ।

SHRI RANGA: I think the railways have got a research section to look into these things constantly in the light of experience. But from what my hon. friends from Gujarat, Orissa as well as Rajasthan, have said, it is clear that these floods are happening every year; and they are not a new thing. The destruction of railway property is also not a new thing. The inadequacy of the culverts and bridges has been noticed several times. Would the hon. Minister see to it that the research section in the railways will be co-ordinated with the research section of the Irrigation Ministry so as to see that in regard to all railway lines whatever changes have got to be made are made in order to avoid the dislocation that we are obliged from year to year?

SHRI C. M. POONACHA: This suggestion will be kept in view and we shall take necessary action in that regard.