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Saturday, March 2, 1963/Phalguna
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*The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the
Clock.*

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Looting of Railway Property by Students

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- *194. { Shri L. M. Singhvi;
Shri P. C. Borooah;
Shri Mohan Sarup;
Shri G. Mohanty;
Shri Kajrolkar;
Shri Krishna Deo Tripathi;
Shri M. S. Murti;

Will the Minister of Railways be
pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a group
of students broke into a reserved com-
partment of the Jhansi Passenger at
Unnao Station and looted property
after beating the passengers; and

(b) if so, what action was taken by
the railway authorities in the matter?

**The Deputy Minister in the Minis-
try of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz
Khan):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Police was immediately in-
formed, who with the help of Railway
Protection Force Contingent jointly
arrested a number of students and
brought the situation promptly under
control.

Dr. L. M. Singhvi: Have the Gov-
ernment made a study of similar in-
cidents in this region during the last
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two years and, if so, have they taken
action to consult the university and
college authorities?

Shri Shah Nawaz Khan: Yes, Sir.
Unfortunately incidents of this nature
have been taking place in this region.
We have been writing regularly to
the hon. Chief Minister of the State.
We have also contacted the heads of
various institutions and we have been
trying to seek their co-operation in
this matter.

Dr. L. M. Singhvi: We are anxious
to know the details of the property
looted and injuries inflicted on the
passengers.

Shri Shah Nawaz Khan: The com-
partment was occupied by the military
personnel—21 of them. Most of the
students were travelling without
tickets on the Republic Day and they
tried to force entry into that compart-
ment. The military personnel resist-
ed. Since there was a huge crowd of
students, they injured a large number
of the military personnel, and property
worth about Rs. 700 was stolen of
which Rs. 300 was recovered on the
spot. About 55 arrests were made.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: Did any meet-
ing take place between the railway
authorities and the teachers and princi-
pal of the particular college or colleges
concerned and, if so, what was the
result?

Shri Shah Nawaz Khan: If the hon.
Member refers to this particular inci-
dent, the district magistrate called a
meeting of the heads of different in-
stitutions where all of them unani-
mously condemned the hooliganism on
the part of the students and pledged to
give their co-operation to restore pub-
lic law and order among the student
community.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: Has any similar incident been reported to the Government in which, I believe, a railway guard was murdered and where police action was frustrated by someone higher—up to whom one or other of the student culprits was related?

Shri Shah Nawaz Khan: No, Sir. I would like to deny this insinuation. No incident of this nature has taken place.

Shri Sinhasan Singh: Are Government going to devise any means to check this hooliganism resorted to by the students on the 15th of August and or 26th of January every year as they do it after declaring that there would be ticketless travel and everything free? Have they devised any means to check these things?

Shri Shah Nawaz Khan: The means that are used are very well-known to my hon. friend. There is the usual system of checking tickets where a magistrate also travels in the train and he has a large number of ticket collectors and also a squad of police. By these means we are trying to check this situation.

Shri Tyagi: I would like to know as to how these students or the others without tickets manage to go to the platform. Is there no check on them at the gates to the platform so that people without platform tickets could not enter the platform?

Shri Shah Nawaz Khan: There are a few ticket collectors at the gates but when a mob of students numbering some hundreds or thousands comes, and forces entry they are rather helpless.

Shri G. Mohanty: May I know if the compartment was reserved from 9 P.M. to 6 A.M. or for the whole day and also the time of the occurrence?

Shri Shah Nawaz Khan: The compartment is generally reserved for the night. This incident took place at about 11:20 P.M.

Agricultural Production

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*195. { **Shri Subodh Hansda:**
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
Dr. L. M. Singhvi:
Shri P. R. Chakraverti:
Shrimati Jamuna Devi:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have collected the statistics of crop production of all the areas covered by the package programme in the last crop year;

(b) if so, which areas have been able to reach the target of production and the increase in production, district-wise; and

(c) if not, the reasons for not reaching the target?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-887/63].

Shri Subodh Hansda: In the statement, figures for 1960-61 and 1961-62 only have been given. The latest figures have not been given. However, the statement says that the production has increased. May I know whether the Government have any knowledge of the cost of production of this increase per acre and, if so, how far it has gone up in comparison to the cost of production incurred by the cultivators?

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: Actually, so far, no acreage study of the cost of production has been made.

Shri Subodh Hansda: May I know whether it is a fact that in the current year the fertilisers as well as water for irrigation have not been supplied during the time of transplantation and that is why the production this year has gone down?

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: There is no question of production going down be-