

answer is in the affirmative, what action was taken on that report?

Shri Shah Nawaz Khan: I am not aware of any such visit by the Government Inspector of Explosives.

Shri Maheswar Naik: The hon. Deputy Minister said that an Enquiry Commission was set up on the 13th February. What are the reasons why the setting up of the Commission was delayed by as long as one month? Also, why has the Ministry of Railways itself not set up a Committee of its own to go into the matter?

Shri Shah Nawaz Khan: The House is aware that this work is being done by a private firm known as the Hindustan Construction Company Ltd. They did not come directly under the Railways and it was the State Government of Orissa which decided to set up a Commission of Enquiry.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know whether any interim steps have been taken by Government pending the report of the Commission of Enquiry, that is to say, whether any steps have been taken in the meantime before the Commission submits its report?

Shri Shah Nawaz Khan: The work is progressing; work on the construction of the bridge and sinking of the open wells is going on.

Shri P. K. Deo: As this accident took place due to an explosion and there were many casualties, may I know why the Government of India abdicated their right of conducting an inquiry by themselves and have entrusted it to the State Government?

Shri Shah Nawaz Khan: There is no question of abdicating any right. The cause and all that will be known when the report of the committee is received.

Shri P. K. Deo: Usually explosions are enquired into by the Government of India.

Mr. Speaker: Next question.

Ticketless Travelling

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*204. { **Shri Yashpal Singh:**
Shri Buta Singh:
Shri Raghunath Singh:
Shri Daljit Singh:
Shri Krishna Deo Tripathi:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ticketless travellers on Indian Railways in 1962-63. (Zone-wise);

(b) total amount recovered from such persons by the Railway authorities during the same period;

(c) whether in recent past ticketless travelling has been on the decline?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) and (b). A statement giving the requisite information is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

Railway	No. of ticketless travellers detected during 1962-63 (upto 31-12-62)	Amount realised	Rs. marks
1	2	3	
1. Central	704,277	20,68,779	
2. Eastern	1,309,653	33,23,254	
3. Northern	1,594,415	41,57,812	
4. North Eastern	829,186	15,80,026	
5. Northeast Frontier	289,714	8,37,323	
6. Southern	1,013,822	26,96,286	
7. South Eastern	355,027	9,25,098	
8. Western	1,353,196	38,40,243	
TOTAL	7,449,290	1,94,28,824	

(c) There is no indication of a decline in ticketless travel.

श्री यशपाल सिंह : स्टटमेंट को पढ़ने से पता नहीं चलता है कि सरकार ने इस टिकटलेस ट्रेवल को रोकने के लिए क्या किया है और यह क्या घट रहा है या बढ़ रहा है ?

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: We have taken a series of steps. They are about twelve in number, such as checking squads, increase in the number of travelling ticket examiners etc.

Mr. Speaker: It does not give any indication whether it is on the decline.

Shri Tyagi: He says it is not on the decline.

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: We have got statistics which I can give. In 1961-62, up to 31-12-1961....

Mr. Speaker: Is it not given in the statement?

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: That question refers to a particular thing. If further information is required, I can give.

Mr. Speaker: He only wants to know whether it is on the decline or not.

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: It is not on the decline.

श्री यशपाल सिंह : क्या यह सही है कि नार्दन रेलवे में सब से ज्यादा टिकटलेस ट्रेवल इसलिए हुआ है कि यहां बड़े बड़े मिनिस्टर रहते हैं ?

अध्यक्ष महोदय : आर्डर, आर्डर । यहां बड़ बड़ मेम्बर भी रहते हैं ।

श्री कृष्णराव : रेलवे में जो फ्री ट्रेवल करते हैं, उनमें रेलवे कर्मचारियों के परिवारों के लोग अधिक करते हैं क्या और ज्यादा पकड़े गये हैं क्या ? उनमें से अधिकांश किस रेलवे में हैं ।

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: If the employee's relatives travel.....

श्री कृष्णराव : अध्यक्ष महोदय, हिन्दी में जवाब दिलाया जाए ।

Mr. Speaker: He cannot answer in Hindi. मैं बता दूंगा उसको ।

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: The employees are strictly forbidden to travel without tickets

Mr. Speaker: It is for everybody, employee or non-employee.

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: Yes, everybody is prevented. If the employees are caught, they are suitably punished.

Mr. Speaker: Has there been a large number of employees doing it?

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: I cannot give the figures, I would require notice.

Shri Ranga: Government themselves claim they have employed a large number of new people, squads etc. How is it that in spite of this, ticketless travel is on the increase? Is it because of the additional staff they have appointed or what?

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: There are two reasons. First of all, the travelling public itself has increased. Secondly, ticket checking has been more rigorous. That is why we have been able to get the higher figures. The increase in ticketless travelling is out of all proportion to the increase in traffic. That is why we say ticketless travel is not on the decline.

श्री तुलसीदास जावब : गोदावरी वैली रेलवे में जो टिकटलेस ट्रेवल करते हैं, उनमें रेलवे आफिसर्स भी शामिल हैं, क्या इसकी खबर गवर्नमेंट को है ?

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: If the hon. Member would pass on the information, we shall see.

Shri Basappa: May I know whether Members of Parliament who are serving on the National Railway Users Consultative Committee and such other committees are given passes to check these ticketless travellers also; if so, how many of them have exercised this right or privilege?

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: Members of the National Railway Users Consultative Committee are given passes to go round, and they are authorised to check, but as regards the exact number who have exercised this right, I would require notice.

Shri Tyagi: Can we get an idea of the percentage of ticketless travellers compared with the rest of the traffic, and the approximate amount of annual loss that the Government had to suffer on that account?

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: The Central Ticket Checking Organisation have taken a census. Roughly it is about 3 to 4 per cent of the travelling public, and the loss is of the order of Rs. 5 crores per annum.

श्री दत्तजीत सिंह : चैकिंग करने वाले लोगों के साथ कोई पुलिस गार्ड भी होती है क्या ? और उनके साथ बिना टिकट सफर करने वाले कितने पकड़े गये हैं और उनके खिलाफ क्या एक्शन लिया गया है ?

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: The police squads also accompany the checking staff. With regard to the exact number, I am not in a position to say.

Shri D. N. Tiwary: May I know whether the cause of less detection of ticketless travelling is that when surprise checks are made, information is sent in advance by the railway staff working in the section?

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: Maybe, Sir. Because they know that some people are coming, they may pass on the information on telephone; they can send information.

Shrimati Renuka Ray: Is it mostly on the suburban trains that the ticketless travel takes place in larger proportion? It is in these very trains that the railway staff are not given adequate help?

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: I am afraid ticketless travel is a little more on the suburban trains, particularly in the branch lines it is very common. As regards the protection given to them, not every employee can be protected; it depends largely on public co-operation.

Export of Sugar to U.S.A.

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*205. { **Shri Heda:**
 Shri Bibhuti Mishra:
 Shri Raghunath Singh:

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

(a) whether Government have completed any deals of sugar export to U.S.A.;

(b) the quota received by us for 1962-63 and 1963-64; and

(c) whether any special quota has been obtained by India of the excess U.S. requirements?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Shinde): (a) The Indian Sugar Mills Association has sold sugar to U.S.A.

(b) 1962-63: 0.50 lakh metric tons
 1963-64: 0.17 lakh metric tons.

(c) The following global quota allocations have been obtained:—

1962-63 0.35 lakh metric tons.
 1963-64 0.46 lakh metric tons.

Shri Heda: Apart from this global quota may I know whether the USA has been allotting to various friendly countries special quotas and if so have we received any such quota this year?

Shri Shinde: Yes, Sir. Under the USA Sugar Act we have received