

## दिल्ली में रेल संग्रहालय

\*७४६. श्री भक्त दर्शन : क्या रेलवे मंत्री २४ अगस्त, १९६२ के अतारंकित प्रश्न संख्या १५६६ के उत्तर के संबंध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि दिल्ली में एक रेल संग्रहालय स्थापित करने के बारे में अब तक और क्या प्रगति हुई है ?

रेलवे मंत्रालय में उपमंत्रि (श्री शाहनवाज खां) : देश की वर्तमान आपातक स्थिति (emergency) को देखते हुए सरकार ने स्थायी प्रदर्शनी (Permanent Exhibition) का संगठन और आयोजन मुलतवी कर दिया है। प्रस्तावित रेल संग्रहालय (Railway Museum) इसी प्रदर्शनी के एक भाग के रूप में स्थापित किया जाना था।

श्री भक्त दर्शन : जहां तक मैं जानता हूं इस के बारे में कुछ वर्षों पहले से कार्रवाई शुरू कर दी गई थी। तो जो कार्रवाई शुरू कर दी गई थी क्या उसे भी समाप्त किया जा रहा है या उसे स्थापित किया जा रहा है ?

श्री शाहनवाज खां : वह जहां पर है वहीं रहेगी।

श्री भक्त दर्शन : मैं जानना चाहता हूं कि इस संग्रहालय में किस तरह की चीजों का संग्रह किया जायेगा। क्या उस में उन व्यक्तियों के चित्र तथा उन की मूर्तियां भी स्थापित की जायेंगी जिन्होंने रेलों के निर्माण में या विस्तार में भाग लिया है, और क्या हमारे भूतपूर्व मंत्रियों के चित्र भी उस में होंगे ?

श्री शाहनवाज खां : माननीय सदस्य की तजवीज बहुत मनासिब है और इस के ऊपर अमल किया जायेगा। लेकिन अब तक हमारा इरादा यह था कि जो रिसर्च रेलवे में की गई है उस की नुमाइश की जाय, और जो रेलवेज ने तरक्की की है या जो बड़े बड़े काम वह कर रही है उस की प्रदर्शनी या नुमाइश की जाय।

## बर्मा से लकड़ी के स्लीपरो का आयात

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क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि भारत बर्मा से लकड़ी के स्लीपरो का आयात कर रहा था तथा बर्मा ने अब स्लीपरो का देना बन्द कर दिया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ; और

(ग) भारत सरकार ने इस संबंध में क्या बकल्पिक प्रबन्ध किये हैं ?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) Burma has supplied wooden sleepers against the contracts entered into with the State Timber Board of that country, and at no stage have they stopped supplying the same.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The State Timber Board, Burma, has indicated its willingness to sell more timber to Indian Railways and the matter is receiving attention of the Railway Board.

Shri P. C. Borooah: May I know whether any negotiation has been made with the Timber Board which has been constituted after the nationalisation of timber trade in Burma and, if so, with what result?

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: I am not aware of the nationalisation of timber trade there, but we deal with the Burma State Timber Board.

Shri P. C. Borooah: May I know the extent to which sleepers were imported from Burma?

**Shri S. V. Ramaswamy:** We placed an order in 1957 and we got 1,74,750 cubic feet. We have further placed order for special type of timber.

**Shri Maheswar Naik:** May I know whether the Government do not think that our rich forest resources in India are not in a position to supply the sleeper requirements for the railways and whether it is thought necessary to import sleepers from Burma?

**Shri S. V. Ramaswamy:** No doubt there are forests here, but they are not enough to supply the whole requirements, especially of hard timber that we need for special type of work as for instance points and crossings etc. They are hard teak wood and they are necessarily to be imported.

**Shri Sham Lal Saraf:** May I know if some foreign exchange is involved in importing sleepers from Burma and if that be so, what attempt has been made to accelerate and augment the supplies of timber within the country itself, particularly in my State of Jammu and Kashmir?

**Mr. Speaker:** Does it produce hard timber?

**Shri Sham Lal Saraf:** Yes.

**Shri S. V. Ramaswamy:** As I said, it was a special type we got from Burma. . .

**Shri Sham Lal Saraf:** I asked whether any foreign exchange is involved in importing sleepers from Burma?

**Mr. Speaker:** He wants to know whether any foreign exchange is involved and why attempts are not being made to produce it in Jammu and Kashmir?

**Shri S. V. Ramaswamy:** That type of timber is not available in Kashmir. It is only soft timber that is available.

**Shri Basumatari:** May I know whether the railway department have examined and found that the sal

sleepers are harder than the Burmese sleepers?

**Shri S. V. Ramaswamy:** We would like to buy as much sal timber as the State Governments can supply.

श्री काशी राम गुप्त : जो बर्मा की सख्त टिम्बर है यदि उस तरह की टिम्बर भारतवर्ष में नहीं होती तो उस की जगह पर आयरन या सीमेंट के स्लीपरों क्यों न चलाये जायें जिस से फारेन एक्स्चेन्ज बचे ?

**Shri S. V. Ramaswamy:** Yes, Sir; in the third Plan, our total requirements will be about 475 lakhs of sleepers, of which 15 lakhs will be made of steel, 235 lakhs of cast iron and wooden sleepers will be only 175 lakhs.

**Dr. K. L. Rao:** May I know whether with the recently developed techniques, it will be possible to make use of Indian woods for sleepers?

**Shri S. V. Ramaswamy:** We are making use of Indian woods to the utmost extent.

**Shri Sham Lal Saraf:** The Deputy Minister said that the timber that comes from Jammu and Kashmir State is soft. May I know if the Government is aware that the Jammu and Kashmir Government have been pressing that they could work out the hardest possible timber from Deodar forest, of which very much is not being worked now, if the railway was brought as near the forest areas of this place as possible?

**Shri S. V. Ramaswamy:** We are buying plentiful from Jammu and Kashmir.

**Shri Heda:** Is it a fact that some State Governments including that of Andhra Pradesh have offered timber as good as that of Burma, but because of the increased transport cost, they wanted some more price than prevalent in India but less than the imported price of timber from Burma?

**Shri S. V. Ramaswamy:** I would like to submit that the supply promised by the Andhra State is much

less than the other States. It is not a question of cost. The difficulty is availability of timber in Andhra State.

श्री कछवाय : पिछले दिनों समाचार पत्रों में आया था कि काश्मीर से बहुत से स्लीपर हमारे पाकिस्तान की तरफ बह गये हैं, मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि वह कितने थे और उन को मोटाने के लिये सरकार क्या कर रही है ?

**Dr. Ranen Sen:** May I know if we import the wooden sleepers from countries other than Burma?

**Mr. Speaker:** Here we are only concerned with Burma.

**Shri P. C. Borooah:** May I know whether oil-treated soft-wood sleepers are more durable than hard wood sleepers and they are available?

**Shri S. V. Ramaswamy:** We treat it with cresote. We have got four such plants in different parts of India.

#### Model Villages

\*751 **Dr. L. M. Singhvi:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to develop any scheme of model villages for experimental and demonstration purposes; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh):** (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

**Dr. L. M. Singhvi:** Have the Government studied the matter with the assistance of agricultural scientists and extension experts and, if so, may I know whether it is on their advice that no such proposal has been undertaken or embarked upon by the Government, or is it in default of such a study that these proposals have not been undertaken?

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Actually, this matter was very carefully stu-

died. In fact, the Ministry of Community Development does give some award for model villages. But in the field of actual agriculture, after getting the advice, we have come to a decision that there will be no particular advantage in setting up model villages for experimental and demonstration purposes. So we are holding demonstrations on the cultivator's field and this process we will continue for propagating scientific and technological ideas.

**Dr. L. M. Singhvi:** May I know whether the Government would be willing to lay on the Table of the House or circulate among the Members the materials and expert opinions on the basis of which this decision was arrived at?

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Actually, we daily take advice, and whatever material will be available we shall be only too pleased to place it on the Table of the House.

**Dr. L. M. Singhvi:** This may be treated as an assurance?

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Yes, yes.

श्री काशी राम गुप्त : क्या सरकार इस-राइन के अनुभव से फायदा उठाने का विचार कर रही है ?

डा० राम सुभग सिंह : इसराइन के अनुभव को थोड़ा तो मैं जानता हूँ। वहाँ बड़े मेहनती लोग हैं और वे डेजर्ट में भी काम करते हैं। उस का हम लोग उपयोग करेंगे और खासकर के पर्वतीय इलाके में जरूर करेंगे।

**Shri S. C. Samanta:** Is it not a fact that the Khadi and Village Industries Commission is also trying to have such model villages; if so, may I know whether the Ministry of Food and Agriculture will assist them?

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** But the two works are very different in nature. Our work is concerned with the field. We will have demonstration