

Mr. Speaker: Yes.

**Shri Raj Bahadur:** (a) and (b). *Garubasha—Hatisar Road:* Out of 25 miles, formation was completed in 18 miles and one mile was gravelled by the end of September 1959. All the six culverts required were also completed and three out of 27 bridges were constructed. The entire work is expected to be completed by March, 1961.

*Jainti—Buxadaur—Sanchula Road:* The work has been abandoned due to the selection of an alternative alignment for the road link in Bhutan.

**श्री भक्त बर्दान :** मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि कितने समय से इस सड़क पर काम हो रहा है और मैं आशा करता हूँ कि यह कहने में मुझे क्षमा किया जाएगा कि इसके बारे में कछए की चाल से क्यों चला जा रहा है ?

**श्री राज बहादुर :** पहले जो एस्टीमेट संकशन किए गए थे सन् १९५८ के अप्रैल मास में वे दो लाख दस हजार के थे। इसके बाद अभी सन् १९५९ में बारह लाख बत्तीस हजार ४० के एस्टीमेट संकशन किए गए हैं। मैं इसको कछए की चाल तो नहीं कहूंगा।

**श्री भक्त बर्दान :** क्या इस सड़क का कोई भाग मोटरों के चलने योग्य बन गया है ; और यदि बन गया है तो मोटर यातायात के लिए इसको खोलने पर क्या विचार किया जा रहा है ?

**श्री राज बहादुर :** उसके बारे में मैंने संकेत किया है कि १८ मील का टुकड़ा बन चुका है और यह आशा की जाती है कि जो पुल बगैरह बनने हैं, उनके बन जाने के बाद यह सड़क लाइट ट्रक के लायक हो जाएगी।

**Shri D. C. Sharma:** May I know whether it is a fact that the second road has been given up and an alternative road connecting India with Bhutan has been thought of?

**Shri Raj Bahadur:** That is the very reason why we have given up the former one.

### Third Class Sleeper Coaches

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**Shri Panigrahi:**  
**Shri Ram Shankar Lal:**  
**Shri Vajpayee:**  
**Shri Prakash Vir Shastri:**  
**Shri Warior:**  
**Shri N. R. Muniswamy:**  
**Shri Amjad Ali:**  
**Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi:**  
**Shri Mohammed Imam:**

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to remove surcharge for the third class sleeper coaches;

(b) if so, in which trains; and

(c) whether some nominal reservation charges will be levied instead of surcharge?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan):** (a) to (c). A statement is given below:

### STATEMENT

There is no proposal at present to withdraw the levy of surcharge for occupying sleeping accommodation in III class in the case of the trains on which sleeping accommodation on payment of surcharge is now provided. Recently, sleeping accommodation without levy of any surcharge for persons holding tickets for distances over 500 miles, has also been provided on Nos. 3 and 4 Madras-Howrah Mails and 23 and 24 Delhi-Bombay Central Janata Express trains, in a new type of third class sleeper coach having equal number of berths as seats. In these carriages passengers are provided seating accommodation during day and sleeping accommodation during night. Reservation can be made on payment of a fee of 25 nP per person, and provided room is available, seats

and berths can also be occupied by persons holding tickets for over 500 miles who have not made any reservation.

**Shri S. M. Banerjee:** In the statement it is said that "there is no proposal at present to withdraw the levy of surcharge for occupying sleeping accommodation in III class in the case of the trains on which sleeping accommodation on payment of surcharge is now provided". As regards first-class passengers, if they travel from Delhi to Madras, for two nights they pay only eight annas. But the third-class passenger in Janata has to pay nearly Rs. 7 for both the nights, at the rate of Rs. 3.45 nP per night. I want to know whether at least this charge is going to be reduced or not, whether there is any proposal.

**Shri Shah Nawaz Khan:** At present there is no proposal to reduce the charge.

**Shri S. M. Banerjee:** In the second portion of the statement it is said that "recently, sleeping accommodation without levy of any surcharge for persons holding tickets for distances over 500 miles, has also been provided on Nos. 3 and 4 Madras-Howrah Mails and 23 and 24 Delhi-Bombay Central Janata Express trains, in a new type of third class sleeper coach having equal number of berths as seats". I want to know whether such bogies will replace the third-class three-tier bogies in future and whether these will be provided in all the trains.

**Shri Shah Nawaz Khan:** This is a new design for which there is no extra levy. Our intention is to increase the number of these coaches. We have already placed an order for 200 such coaches. But side by side the other ones will also continue. The two hundred coaches for which orders have been placed are three-tier coaches.

**Mr. Speaker:** Even these are three-tier coaches.

**Shri S. M. Banerjee:** In regard to the three tiers I would humbly and respectfully submit, Sir, that if you would only travel once by that coach you will know that the coolie has to lift you down. Many people are travelling.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, order.

**The Minister of Railways (Shri Jagjivan Ram):** I may explain the position. The whole idea of three tiers is to provide as many berths as there are seats in the compartment.

**Shri S. M. Banerjee:** Have a double-decker train.

**Shri Jagjivan Ram:** Please have patience and listen first. The idea is to provide as many berths as there are seats in the compartment, without charging any extra fare for that. The person who will get his seat reserved for four annas or eight annas, whatever it is, will get sleeping accommodation without any additional charge. The berths will be provided in three-tier coaches. Then there are two-tier coaches where those passengers who want more comfortable accommodation can enjoy the two-tier sleeping accommodation on payment of additional charges.

**Shri Vajpayee:** Can the hon. Minister give us an idea as to the time by which sleeping accommodation for long distance passengers will be provided in all the trains?

**Shri Shah Nawaz Khan:** As I said, we have placed orders for 200 such coaches, and these coaches will start coming out of the workshop from April 1960. I might also inform the House that this sleeping facility free of charge is available only for passengers travelling over 500 miles, and if there is any passenger travelling for a distance less than 500 miles he will have to pay the usual charge of Rs. 3 per night.