

Shri Shree Narayan Das: May I know the nature of the engine trouble that occurred and how many hours it took to restart the train from that place?

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: It was the fracture of the left return crank of the engine, as I said, and there was a detention of three and odd hours.

Shri Shree Narayan Das: May I know whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the report published in some local newspapers there that the accident was averted and whether an enquiry has been made into the matter?

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: They do not know the technicalities. It is not an averted accident. It is an engine failure and the matter is under investigation.

Recovery of Dead Body from Railway Compartment

957. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the body of a 16-year old boy packed in a box, was recovered by the railway police from a third class compartment of Bareilly passenger train at Agra on the 1st March, 1960;

(b) if so, whether any arrests have been made in the case so far;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the incidence of crime on this section of the railway is on the increase; and

(d) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken to check it?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

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श्री बी० चं० शर्मा : क्या माननीय मंत्री जी बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि इस घटना के सम्बन्ध में अभी तक कोई पकड़ा धकड़ी क्यों नहीं हुई ?

श्री शाहनवाज खां : मैं इसका जवाब तो नहीं दे सकता क्योंकि पकड़ा धकड़ी तो पुलिस करेगी, रेलवे नहीं करेगी ।

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know if the Railway Ministry keeps track of such crimes and follows up the investigation of these crimes or, after the crime has been discovered, it is left entirely to the discretion of the Railway Police?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: We make every effort to keep in touch with the progress of cases but very often the police do not like to give out the information because that might adversely affect their investigations or the prosecution of the cases in court. But whatever they give us we accept very gratefully and we try to keep touch with them.

Shri Chintamoni Panigrahi: May I know what progress has been made so far in the process of investigation?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: From the information that is available at present it appears that the murder was committed somewhere outside the railway premises and the body was cut up and put in a box and put in the train. It has been established by post mortem that the death was due to strangulation. That is all that we know. And the name of the person tattooed on his fore-arm was Jitendar.

Shri Chantamoni Panigrahi: Has it been possible to find out from which station this box had been put in the train?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: The police is still investigating.