

**The Minister of Railways (Shri Jagjivan Ram):** There is nothing to consider, Sir. If it is your desire, I will have no objection in placing the Minutes of all these Consultative Committees in the Library of Parliament.

**Mr. Speaker:** From time to time.

**Shri Jagjivan Ram:** All the Minutes, Sir, not from time to time.

**Mr. Speaker:** Very well.

**श्री विभूति मिश्र :** मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या सरकार न ऐसा कोई सिद्धान्त बनाया है कि पार्लियामेंट के सदस्य जो उसमें प्रतिनिधि के रूप में लिए जायें वे कैसे लिये जायें ?

**श्री जगजीवन राम :** वहाँ चुनने का तो कोई सवाल नहीं है। हम तो यहाँ जो मिनिस्टर आफ पार्लियामेंटरी अफेयर्स हैं उनसे बातें करके इस सदन के कुछ सदस्यों को ले लिया करते हैं।

#### Prevention of Railway Accidents

\*448. **Shri Wodeyar:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any plans for inventing a gadget for the prevention of Railway accidents; and

(b) whether any financial aid has been granted for their invention?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan):** (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

**Shri Wodeyar:** May I know if any such plans have been rejected as being spurious?

**Shri Shah Nawaz Khan:** I am not aware of any such plan being rejected on that basis.

**Shri Wodeyar:** Is the Department of Government engaged in the construction of any such gadget?

**Shri Shah Nawaz Khan:** One gentleman by the name of Mr. Ponnuswamy

devised a certain mechanism for reducing the amount of damage, and that was a device whereby the vacuum brakes would be applied as soon as there was a derailment. That device is being scrutinised by the Railway Standards Office, and that device has been patented.

**Shri Dasappa:** May I know whether there are not instruments to detect track defects which could be placed on the railway line well beforehand, the instruments indicating the various defects in the track?

**The Minister of Railways (Shri Jagjivan Ram):** There are, and they are being tried on the Central Railway.

**Shri Palaniandi:** May I know who this Ponnuswamy is, whether he is a worker of the Railway concerned and whether he has been given any reward for his invention?

**Shri Shah Nawaz Khan:** Yes, he is a railway employee, and he has been given a reward.

**Shri Joachim Alva:** Is any beginning made to implement the recommendations of the Vasisst Committee which toured the U.S.S.R., especially their observations with regard to the prevention of accidents?

**Shri Jagjivan Ram:** I will require notice to give any detailed reply.

#### Tuberculosis

\*449. **Shrimati Ila Palchoudhury:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an all India survey was conducted by the Indian Council of Medical Research in order to ascertain the incidence of tuberculosis among the population of India; and

(b) if so, the result thereof?

**The Minister of Health (Shri D. P. Karmarkar):** (a) An all India T. B. Survey on a sample basis was taken up by the Indian Council of Medical Research in 1955. The survey is in progress.

(b) The result of the survey will be known after the field work has been completed and the data collected have been analysed. I should like to add that it may take seven or eight months more.

**Shrimati Ha Palchoudhuri:** Considering that the incidence of T. B. is appalling in West Bengal, may I know how much money has been spent annually and how much of it is allocated to West Bengal?

**Shri Karmarkar:** That is for treatment of T. B. and things like that? I thought this question was about survey. I said about survey. I should like another question to be tabled relating to the whole question.

**Shri V. P. Nayar:** I want to know from the information available about the State which has the highest incidence of T. B. and the special reasons for such high incidence in that State.

**Shri Karmarkar:** So far as the sample survey is concerned, it is yet early to say which State has the highest incidence. That is a matter to be judged. That is a matter which requires examination.

**Shri V. P. Nayar:** Notwithstanding the survey, I said, from the information available.

**Shri Karmarkar:** I should like to have notice.

**Shrimati Ha Palchoudhuri:** In view of the opinion expressed that B.C.G. is really not preventive, is the survey and expense on that account yet being incurred on that programme?

**Shri Karmarkar:** This question relates to survey. I can answer all questions about survey. About treatment of T. B. etc., I should like to have another question tabled and I shall be very happy to answer all questions.

लाक्षा अश्विनी राम: देश में इस बीमारी की रोक थाम क लिए सरकार कौन से प्रीवेंटिव मंजर्म ले रही है और उम काम कें लिए

कितना रूपया खर्च किया जा रहा है ?

श्री करमरकर : मैंने अज्ञ किया कि वह प्रलण सब ल है और उसके लिए प्रलग नोटिस चाहिए ।

**Shri Shankariah:** May I know whether any State has already taken a survey and given a report and asked for Central aid?

**Shri Karmarkar:** There were periodical and other surveys undertaken earlier. This is the first attempt at having a regular survey carried on in a scientific manner. The centres included in this survey are Delhi, Patna, Calcutta, Hyderabad, Madanapalle and Trivandrum.

#### Theft on Railways

\*450. **Shri Raghunath Singh:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state what preventive measures are being adopted to check thefts on Railways during transit?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):** A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 21].

श्री रघुनाथ सिंह : जब से इस तरह का काम शुरू हुआ है तब से चोरी की तादाद पर उसका क्या असर हुआ है, पहले से चोरी कुछ ज्यादा हुई है या कम हुई है ?

श्री शाहनवाज खां : पहले से चोरी कम हो रही है ।

#### Railway Restaurants

\*451. **Shri Thimmaiah:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the basis on which the rent for the restaurants at railway stations in Southern Railway is fixed; and