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The House met at a Quarter Past Eight of the Clock.

[MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER in the Chair]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

SOCIAL GUIDES

\*2136. **Shri Radha Raman:** (a) Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Indian Railways have started a scheme of Social Guides and it was tried at some places?

(b) If so, what was that scheme and is it still in existence?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (**Shri Shah Nawaz Khan**): (a) Yes, the Indian Railways did experiment with a scheme of Social Guides.

(b) The scheme was for utilisation of social workers as Social Guides generally to assist third class passengers in particular at such important stations where services of Social Guides were most needed. The scheme is still in force although in a somewhat modified form.

**Shri Radha Raman:** May I know how many Social Guides were recruited under the scheme and in which areas?

**Shri Shah Nawaz Khan:** Originally 277 Guides were recruited, and they were recruited in almost all the Zones.

**Shri Radha Raman:** What is their present number?

**Shri Shah Nawaz Khan:** The present number in service today is 157.

**डा० जगल किशोर सिन्हा:** क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि सोशल गाइड्स की योग्यता क्या रखी गई थी ?

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**श्री शाहनवाज खान:** उन को खिदम करने की अहलियत ।

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** He wants to know whether there is any test and so on and so forth.

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (**Shri Alagesan**): They are drawn from social service organisations as they are more fitted to do this job.

**श्री जांगड़े:** क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि सोशल गाइड्स और पैसेन्जर गाइड्स के कार्यों में क्या फर्क है और सोशल गाइड्स के ट्रेनिंग सेन्टर विभिन्न जगहों में कहाँ कहां हैं ?

**श्री शाहनवाज खान:** सोशल गाइड्स और पैसेन्जर गाइड्स के जो फरायज हैं वह तक्रोबन एक से हैं । उन को ट्रेनिंग के कोई खास सेन्टर नहीं हैं ।

**श्री एच० एल० द्विवेदी:** मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि जब से सोशल गाइड्स मुहूर्त हुए हैं उस वक्त से अब तक क्या उन के काम की जांच की गई है और क्या यह पता लगाया गया कि उन का काम संतोषजनक है ?

**श्री शाहनवाज खान:** यह स्कीम सन् १९४८ में चलाई गई थी । उसके बाद सन् १९५० में इसका रिव्यू किया गया । रिव्यू से यह साबित हुआ कि सोशल गाइड्स का जो तजुर्बा किया गया है वह बहुत कामयाब नहीं हुआ ।

**Shri Bansal:** Are these Social Guides ladies or men?

**Shri Shahnawaz Khan:** They are men.

**Shri V. P. Nayar:** May I know whether the Social Guides have been used to counter the bad effects of anti-social guides operating in and around railway stations?

We know that there are anti-social activities in and around railway stations. May I know whether these Social Guides are being used to counter the effect of their work?

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** Whether they are carrying on any propaganda, political or other?

**Shri Shahnawaz Khan:** They are not carrying on any political propaganda.

**Dr. Suresh Chandra:** Are there any conditions at the time of recruitment that they should know the regional languages of the passengers who travel?

**Shri Shahnawaz Khan:** Naturally, that would be a very preliminary thing to consider.

**Shri Raghuramaiah:** Considering that ladies also travel, may I know whether Government do not consider it necessary to appoint lady Social Guides also?

**Shri Shahnawaz Khan:** The scheme is under consideration.

**Shrimati Ammu Swaminadhan:** A little while ago the Minister said that these Social Guides were all men. Is it not necessary to have women Social Guides so that they may help third class women passengers who need help very badly?

**Shri Shahnawaz Khan:** As I said earlier on in my reply, this experiment has not been a very great success and therefore the idea of recruiting ladies was not considered.

Some Hon. Members rose—

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** The experiment has not been a success. Let us proceed to the next question.

**बड़े बड़े नगरों के लिये अन्तर्भूमि रेलवे**

\*२१३८. श्री एम० एल० द्विवेदी: क्या रेल मंत्री बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या इस बात की जांच करने के लिये कि बड़े बड़े नगरों में अन्तर्भूमि

रेलवे बनाया जाना संभव है या नहीं कोई समिति नियुक्त कर दी गई है या की जाने वाली है; यदि ऐसी समिति बनाई जाने वाली है तो उसके कार्य का क्षेत्र क्या होगा ?

(ख) भारत के किन किन नगरों में जांच किये जाने की सम्भावना है;

(ग) क्या अब तक इस सम्बन्ध में कोई कार्य हुआ है; तथा

(घ) योजना के कब तक पूरे होने की आशा है ?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** (a) No such committee has been, or is going to be appointed by the Railway Ministry as far as is known at present.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

**Shri M. L. Dwivedi:** May I know if it is a fact that a circular railway is being built round about Calcutta and, if it is so, why it is not possible to construct an underground railway?

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** It is arguing the matter.

**Shri Alagesan:** Sir, we do not want to indulge in underground activities just at present.

**Dr. Suresh Chandra:** Is there no scheme with the Government for construction of an underground railway in Calcutta?

**Shri Alagesan:** Not with the Railway Ministry. The West Bengal Government is having some such proposal.

WAGONS FOR DESPATCH OF JUTE FROM BIHAR

\*2139. **Shri. L. N. Mishra:** (a) Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the jute dealers of Purnea, Saharsa and Darbhanga Districts of Bihar do not get wagons for despatch of jute to Calcutta according to their needs?

(b) Is it a fact that some representations have been made to Government to sanction wagons for jute on a liberal basis to end the present glut?

(c) If so, what steps have been taken thereon?