

(c) Relief train reached the site of the accident in an hour and 46 minutes and through communication was restored within 6 hours thereafter.

RURAL POST OFFICES

*1074. **Shri B. N. Roy:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to open new Post Offices in rural areas in the year 1953-54; and

(b) if so, how many in each State?

The Deputy Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) The hon. Member's attention is invited to a Press Note issued on 28th March 1953 a copy of which is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VII, annexure No. 21.]

(b) The number of Post Offices to be opened in conformity with the policy announced by Government will be worked out. No indication can be given at present.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: We have debated this only day before yesterday.

Shri B. N. Roy: May I know whether facilities will be given for sending telegrams in Hindi in rural areas also?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: By and by; but it has all been indicated in the statement made day before yesterday, and also in the statement issued by the Communications Ministry.

सिवनी रेलवे स्टेशन के निकट रेल दुर्घटना

*१०७५. श्री आर० बी० शाह : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या पूर्व रेलवे की नैनपूर-छिदवाड़ा छोटी लाइन पर स्थित सिवनी और मोमां स्टेशनों के बीच १५ फरवरी १९५३ को कोई रेल दुर्घटना हुई ;

(ख) यदि हां तो उस दुर्घटना में जन और घन की कितनी हानि हुई तथा रेलवे को कितनी हानि हुई ;

(ग) क्या घायल व्यक्तियों को समय पर उचित सहायता पहुंचाई गई ;

(घ) क्या दुर्घटना के कारणों की जांच की गई है यदि हां तो, इसके लिये कौन कौन व्यक्ति उत्तरदायी हैं ; तथा

(ङ) क्या दुर्घटना के उत्तरदायी व्यक्तियों का दंड दिया गया ?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) Yes. At about 6-0 hours on 15th February, 1953, an Up Goods train collided with a Down Passenger train between Seoni and Bhoma stations.

(b) No one was killed. 30 passengers received minor injuries besides the Driver of the Goods train and an old woman passenger who were injured rather severely. The approximate cost of damage to Railway property was Rs. 7,000. There was no other loss.

(c) Yes; all the injured were given First Aid at the site of the accident by the Guards of the two trains immediately after the accident and also by the Assistant Surgeon of the Seoni Main Hospital, who arrived at the site of the accident at 9-30 hours. Except the Driver and the old woman referred to, who were removed to the Seoni Main Hospital by car, the rest were discharged after First Aid.

(d) Yes. A Joint Enquiry was held by a Committee of Officers. The finding of the Committee is that the Assistant Station Masters of the two stations, Bhoma and Seoni, were responsible for the accident.

(e) Necessary action is being taken against the persons held responsible.

श्री आर० बी० शाह : क्या यह स्टेशन मास्टर पट्टले भी किसी ऐक्सीडेंट में इन्वाल्व हुए थे ?

श्री शाहनवाज खां : इस सवाल के लिये नोटिस चाहिये ।

Shri Jaipal Singh: May I know what exactly is meant by the expression "an old woman"?

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri): Older than the hon. Member.

Shri Jaipal Singh: At what stage does somebody become an old woman?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: Does the hon. Member want her name? I am not able to follow.

Sari Shahnawaz Khan: Her age was 60 years, Sir.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: Next question. Seth Govind Das:

सेठ गोविन्द दास : क्वि मेरा प्रश्न हिन्दी में है इस लिये मैं उत्तर भी हिन्दी में चाहूंगा ।

मन्सटर ऑफ अिजुकेशन अिन्ड
नैचुरल रिसोर्स अिन्ड साइन्स रिसर्च

(मौलाना आज़ाद) : मिरے بعض ساتھی ایسے ہیں جو ہندی نہیں جانتے تھے۔ مگر انہوں نے کوشش کی اور اب وہ ہندی سمجھنے لگے ہیں اور ہندی میں سیلیمنٹری سوالوں کا جواب دیدیتے ہیں۔ ہمیں اُمید کرنی چاہیئے کہ وہ بہت جلد اس قابل ہو جائیں گے کہ ہندی بولنے بھی لگیں۔ اس لئے سر دست انہیں اس کے لئے مجبور نہیں کرنا چاہئے۔

[The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad): Some of my colleagues did not know Hindi. But they have tried to learn it and now they are able to follow it, and answer supplementaries in Hindi. We should hope they will soon be able to speak in Hindi also. It would not be proper to compel them to speak in Hindi just at present.]

सेठ गोविन्द दास : मैं ने तो केवल आशा व्यक्त की थी कि मुझे आशा है कि जब मेरा प्रश्न हिन्दी में है तो उस का उत्तर भी हिन्दी में होगा ।

मौलाना आज़ाद - اُمید ہے کہ بہت جلد ایسا ہوگا۔

[Maulana Azad: I hope you will find it so in the near future.]

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: If the question is put to persons like me, they may test our knowledge. Hon. Members are adepts in Hindi. It is not a question of enforcing Hindi at the point of the bayonet. I have been repeatedly noting this. Even the 15 years that has been given by the Constitution is not being given here, and hon. Members raise this question. And many persons come and tell me that they are not able to follow the proceedings. Are we here to follow the proceedings or not? Hon. Members are not children. They are grown up and it will take some time for them to learn. Therefore, all persons interested in Hindi should not appear that they are too hasty. Let others be given time to get in. They will surely get in. I am extremely glad the Minister has said so. Yes, in English.

चावलों का संरक्षण

* १०७६. सेठ गोविन्द दास : खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि क्या भारत सरकार के विशेषज्ञों ने अमेरिकन विशेषज्ञ योनन मलिक द्वारा किये गये चावल संरक्षण के नवीन अनुसंधान का प्रयोग किया है ?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): The Malekized rice processing has not been tried in India.

सेठ गोविन्द दास : क्या इस बात की अभी कोई योजना बन रही है कि इस रीति को भारतवर्ष में चलाया जाय ?

डा० पी० एस० देशमुख : जी नहीं, यह मवाल जब प्लैनिंग कमिशन के सामने गया तो उन की राय यह हुई कि इस में बहुत ज्यादा खर्च होता है क्योंकि यह प्लान्ट करीब सात लाख रुपये का होता है इसलिये इस का करना मुनासिब नहीं है ।

सेठ गोविन्द दास : जहां कही भी चावल बरबाद होता है यदि उन खास खास स्थानों पर सात लाख रुपये खर्च कर के भी एक प्लान्ट लगाया जाय तो क्या उसे अधिक खर्च समझा जायगा ?