

(b) Four persons detained from the train after it was stopped and one of them fired a shot in the air.

(c) No.

(d) Yes; the investigation is in progress.

(e) By certain obstructions placed across the railway line.

सरदार ए० ए० सहगल : इस तरह की चोरी इस लाइन में कितनी बार हुई है ?

श्री शाहनवाज खाँ : मेरी जान में एक बार हुई है ।

#### EMPLOYMENT EXCHANGES

\*265. **Shri Jhulan Sinha:** Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state:

(a) whether the committee appointed for examining the working of the Employment Exchanges and also for reporting about its future has submitted its report; and

(b) if so, the salient features of the recommendations thereof?

**The Minister of Labour (Shri V. V. Giri):** (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

I may, however, add for the information of the hon. Members that the Committee was constituted in November 1952. Owing to the absence of the Chairman on deputation abroad and his subsequent illness, the Committee met only in February 1953. After the first meeting on the 9th February, 1953, the questionnaire was issued. Replies have been received from all State Governments and a large majority of others who were addressed. The Committee held its second meeting on the 10th April 1953. They visited Kanpur and Calcutta during April 1953 and recorded evidence. The Chairman of the Committee had to leave for Europe again under medical advice. The Committee expects to resume its work after the Chairman returns and

hopes to complete its work before the end of 1953.

**Shri Jhulan Sinha:** May I know how long the Committee will take to submit its report?

**Shri V. V. Giri:** I have mentioned all these points in my supplementary reply.

**Shri Frank Anthony:** Is the Government contemplating extending these Employment Exchanges to the rural areas?

**Shri V. V. Giri:** We would take up the whole matter after the receipt of the report.

**Shri Nanadas:** In view of the fact that ever since the inception the Chairman has been absent, has the Government any proposal to appoint another Chairman in his place?

**Shri V. V. Giri:** The Chairman will return back soon.

**Shrimati Renu Chakravartty:** In view of the seriousness of the crisis of unemployment, will the Committee be asked to give its report within a short time?

**Shri V. V. Giri:** Of course.

**Shrimati Renu Chakravartty:** Within what period?

**Shri V. V. Giri:** I cannot say immediately but I do hope that by the end of 1953 the report will be ready.

**Shri M. R. Krishna:** May I know whether there are Mobile Employment Exchanges which could register and issue introductory cards to rural people.

**Shri V. V. Giri:** No, the question does not arise.

**Shri Nanadas:** May I know whether it is to abolish these Employment Exchanges or to continue their services that the Committee has been appointed to report?

**Shri V. V. Giri:** The Committee will go into all these matters.