

Shri Bishwa Nath Roy: May I know whether the Government have any measure under consideration for permanent safety of the railway line which was in danger many times in the past?

Shri Shah Nawaz Khan: I could not follow the question.

Mr. Speaker: Whether the Government have any permanent measure under consideration for protection of this railway line?

Shri Shah Nawaz Khan: In order to safeguard the railway line, generally we put up spurs and do pitching of boulders to strengthen the railway line, but putting up of any dams with a view to stop floods is the responsibility of State Governments.

Shri Bishwa Nath Roy: May I know whether it is a fact that the precaution was not taken by the railway authorities before the date on which water touched the embankment of the railway line?

Shri Shah Nawaz Khan: We take due precautions wherever it is possible to anticipate, but it is not possible for railways to anticipate all the floods that take place.

Shri Bishwa Nath Roy: May I know whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the fact that when voluntary labour was offered for the safety of the railway line it was refused by the railway authorities on the spot?

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri): I am not aware of that, but the information I have got goes to show that the railways have done wonderfully well there and they have spent over Rs. 2 lakhs on preventing a breach of that embankment. The result has been that a large area has been protected from being flooded.

EXPLORATORY TUBE-WELLS IN ANDHRA

*541. **Shri C. E. Chowdary:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to refer to the reply to Starred Question No. 228 asked on the 22nd February, 1954, and state the names of the areas in the Andhra

State where the construction of exploratory tube-wells has been taken up?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): The construction of exploratory tube-wells in Andhra is expected to be taken up sometime during the next administrative year (1955-56).

Districts of East and West Godavari, Krishna, Guntur and Nellore have been provisionally selected for the construction of the tube-wells. The sites will, however, be finally selected by a Committee of experts of the Government of India, T.C.M. and the State Government on the basis of geological investigations.

Shri C. R. Chowdary: May I know whether any geological survey has been conducted in any of the areas in Andhra State?

Shri Kidwai: Geological survey has been conducted and the representatives of the Government of Andhra and the Government of India and T.C.M. will finally select the sites.

Dr. Rama Rao: May I know the reasons for this long delay in construction of these exploratory tube-wells?

Shri Kidwai: We had no organisation in this country for the execution of this task. Therefore, we are now setting up an organisation—a Central organisation—and getting instruments to successfully perform this work.

Shri Raghavaiah: May I know what are the points that govern in the selection of sites in different areas of Andhra State for construction of exploratory tube-wells?

Shri Kidwai: The possibility of a successful tube-well.

प्लेटफार्म टिकटों की पुनः बिक्री

*५४७. श्री एच० एस० प्रसाद : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या इस वर्ष भारत के विभिन्न रेलवे स्टेशनों पर प्लेटफार्म टिकटों की संगठित

रूप से दुबारा बचने की कोई घटनायें घटी हैं ; •

(ख) यदि हां, तो एसी घटनायें किन किन स्थानों में हुई हैं ;

(ग) क्या इस प्रकार के नीचतापूर्ण कार्यों में लगे हुए व्यक्तियों के विरुद्ध कोई कार्यवाही की गई है ; और

(घ) एसी घटनाओं के कारण आय में कितनी हानि हुई ?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) Only three cases of re-sale of platform tickets have been reported.

(b) Two cases at Victoria Terminus, Bombay, on the Central Railway, and one case at Delhi on the Northern Railway.

(c) In the two cases reported at Victoria Terminus, Bombay, two persons were prosecuted and convicted. The third case relating to Delhi is under investigation by the Special Police Establishment.

(d) In the former two cases, the amount involved is Rs. 4/10/- only. As the third case is still under investigation, it is not possible to give the amount involved.

Shri Velayudhan: May I know whether the Government have come to know that spurious tickets are being sold at railway stations by passengers?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: I could not follow the question.

Mr. Speaker: Whether Government are aware that counterfeit tickets are being sold?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: We are not aware of that.

Shri C. R. Chowdary: May I know whether any investigations are being conducted to know where these spurious tickets are being printed?

Mr. Speaker: They are not aware that such tickets are being sold.

Shri V. P. Nayar: Is it not a fact that Government conducted an enquiry through the Special Police Establishment to find out the place where such bogus tickets were printed and used in the Bombay-Poona line for thousands and thousands of rupees?

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri): An enquiry was conducted and the offenders have been arrested. I think a case is also under investigation.

Shri V. P. Nayar: Arising out of the answer of the hon. Minister, may I know whether the enquiry revealed complicity of some of the highly placed railway officers also?

Shri L. B. Shastri: That is not our information.

तिब्बती सीमा पर डाक भेजने की व्यवस्था

*२४६. श्री भक्त वर्मान : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि उत्तर प्रदेश की तिब्बती सीमा पर, विशेष कर गढ़वाल जिले की नीती घाटी में, हर तीसरे दिन ही डाक भेजी जाती है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस क्षेत्र में डाक की सुविधाओं में सुधार करने के लिये क्या प्रयत्न किये जा रहे हैं ?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Mails to all post offices on Tibetan border in Uttar Pradesh are sent daily except to Bampa in Niti Valley to which they are conveyed on alternate days.

(b) The question of providing daily service to Bampa and opening of additional post offices on the border are under examination.

श्री भक्त वर्मान : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि इस सम्बन्ध में कब तक अन्तिम निर्णय कर दिया जायेगा ?

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