

श्री भक्त वरान : अगर वह वक्तव्य अधीकृत नहीं था और विभाग से उसका कोई सम्बन्ध नहीं था, तो उसका प्रतिवाद क्यों नहीं किया गया ?

श्री राज बहादुर : उसका प्रतिवाद कहिये या उस विषय में एक स्पष्टीकरण कहिये, वह तो इस सभा में किया जा चुका है। यही सब से अच्छा माध्यम है, जिसके द्वारा किसी भी मुद्दे के ऊपर सही बात कही जा सकती है।

RAILWAY QUARTERS

*2661. **Shri Krishnacharya Joshi:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of quarters constructed for the Railway staff during 1954; and

(b) the amount spent thereon?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) Record of quarters is maintained for financial years and not calendar years. The total number of quarters expected to be completed for railway employees during the year 1954-55 was 10,407.

(b) Rs. 4,62,88 lakhs approximately.

Shri Krishnacharya Joshi: May I know the total number of railway employees and may I also know the number of employees who have been allotted quarters so far?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: The total number of persons employed by the Railways is in the neighbourhood of one million. In September 1954, only about 4,00,000 railway employees were accommodated in quarters built by the Railways.

Shri Krishnacharya Joshi: Have the Government assessed the need of quarters for employees and in how many years they will complete the construction?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: We are spending very nearly Rs. 5 crores annually on building quarters for the Railway staff. The Railways are very hard pressed for funds because they have to do so many other things in addition to building quarters. In addition to all these, one of the main difficulties that comes in the way of constructing quarters rapidly is the shortage of cement and steel. Nevertheless, the Railways are fully aware of the urgency of providing quarters and we are doing whatever is possible.

Shri Krishnacharya Joshi: May I know whether any rent is charged for the quarter?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: Rent is charged from all Railway employees other than class IV staff. Those Railway employees who are not provided with Railway quarters are given accommodation allowance.

Shri Muniswamy: May I know whether it is a fact that an essential list is maintained for the allotment of quarters to Railway staff, and if so, whether any changes have been made recently and some of the staff who have been kept in the essential list were removed? If so, have any representations been received in that respect?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: According to the policy that is being followed by the Railways, the essential staff have priority so far as provision of quarters is concerned. Essential staff are those staff who have to live near the site of their work because they might be called at any moment.

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*२६६२. श्री विभूति मिश्र : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि मोकामा घाट पर पुल के बन जाने की कब तक सम्भावना है ?

रेलवे तथा परिवहन मंत्री के सहायीचय (श्री शाहनवाज खान) : अनुमान किया जाता है कि यह पुल दिसम्बर १९५६ तक बन कर तैयार हो जायेगा।