

श्री एल० बी० शास्त्री : इतना ब्योरा तो हमारे पास नहीं है।

श्री भागवत शा आज़ाद : क्या यह बात सत्य है कि रेलवे अधिकारी बगैर किसी अपवाद के सभी केसिस को कोर्ट में जाने देते हैं और जब सरकार उन पर काफी खर्च कर चुकती है तो उसके बाद उन लोगों को बाहर बुलाकर किसी खास अभिप्राय से उन से समझौता कर लिया जाता है।

श्री एल० बी० शास्त्री : जी नहीं। अगर माननीय सदस्य आंकड़े देखेंगे तो पायेंगे कि बहुत ही कम मामले अदालत में जाते हैं और जो जाते हैं, उनमें से अधिकतर को वे ही लोग ले जाते हैं, जिनका माल होता है। वे आखिरी वक्त तक कोशिश करते रहते हैं कि रेलवे से ज्यादा से ज्यादा मिले और जब नहीं मिलता है, तो वे मामले को कोर्ट में ले जाते हैं।

#### Cyclone

\*1354. **Shri A. K. Gopalan:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that as a result of the cyclone which hit Malabar in May 1955, vessels in the West Coast (Arabian Sea) were destroyed and cargoes sunk; and

(b) whether it is a fact that adequate facilities do not exist to warn the seagoing vessels and country crafts against such cyclones and to move such vessels to places of safety in the event of cyclone?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** (a) Yes.

(b) Facilities exist at ports to warn seagoing vessels against cyclones and whenever any deterioration in weather is expected, the appropriate signals are invariably hoisted.

**Shri A. K. Gopalan:** May I know whether it has come to the notice of the Government that about 60 persons belonging to the Laccadive Islands had been stranded on the mainland due to the storm and they requested the Government for transport facilities?

**Shri Alagesan:** We are not aware of this particular happening. The question relates to facilities at ports for seagoing vessels against storms, cyclones etc. I am

prepared to look into the matter if the hon. Member passes on the information.

**Shri Damodara Menon:** May I know whether the Government have under consideration any proposal for the development of B zpur on the Malabar coast as a port where small vessels and country craft can take shelter in rough weather?

**Shri Alagesan:** What is the question, Sir?

**Mr. Speaker:** Whether there is any proposal for the development of any port on the Malabar coast for these vessels to take shelter during rough weather?

**Shri Damodara Menon:** My question was whether the Government have any proposal to develop B zpur which is on the Malabar coast where small vessels can take shelter during rough weather.

**Shri Alagesan:** I am not aware of that. All the sailing vessels can take shelter in the ports whenever they are in the major or minor ports. But when they are out on the sea, and since they do not have wireless equipment it is not possible for them to get the wireless messages that are broadcast from the coast.

**Shri Damodara Menon:** The point is, on the Malabar coast no port has facilities for smaller vessels to take shelter during rough weather. Is it not a fact that the report on the development of minor ports has suggested the development of Bezpur as a port where medium sized vessels can take shelter?

**Shri Alagesan:** There is a report on the subject by an officer of ours. Perhaps he may have included this port also. He went into the question of the development of the minor ports in the country and he has listed various minor ports coming under the various States. Perhaps, this is one which he has included in that report. I am not at present able to say.

**Shri Punnoose:** May I know...

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, order. Next question.

**Shri Punnoose:** I wanted to get some facts about. . . .

**Mr. Speaker:** On each question there has to be some limitation of time. We have to cover the maximum number of questions.

**Shri Punnoose:** May I submit in this particular case we did not get an account of the damage?

**Mr. Speaker:** On every question every Member has some important point to get from his point of view.