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LOK SABHA

Friday, 6th April, 1956

The Lok Sabha met at Half Past Ten of the Clock

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

TIMING OF MEETINGS OF PARLIAMENTARY COM-MITTEES

Mr. Speaker: I understand that, even at the outset the want of quorum in the House is due to the sittings of some Select Committees or some Committees other Parliamentary being held. I would advise hon. Members not to hold Select Committee meetings from 10 A.M. to 1 P.M. I would not allow any Select Committee or any Committee to hold its meeting when the House is sitting, between 10 A.M. and 1 P.M. Again and again, all the papers are taking it up saying that for want of quorum the supreme Parliament of India is not able to meet. I would urge on all hon. Members to note that the whole House, and also hon. Members individually, are getting into ridicule in the eyes of the world at large. No Committee shall hold its sitting from 10A.M. to 1 P.M. so long as the Parliament is in session and is sitting.

ORAL ANSWERS TO OUESTIONS

WAGON SHORTAGE

*1223. Shri Jhulan Sinha: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the great difficulties experienced by the producers of gur and Khandsari during 1955 due to the paucity of railway wagons supplied for transport of the commodities; and

(b) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken this year in advance to avoid hardship to those producers?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) Yes. Representations were received about difficulties in the movement of Gur and Khandsari during 1955 from certain stations on the North Eastern, Northern and Southern Railways.

(b) Special efforts have been made by the Railway Administrations to increase the wagon supply for movement of this traffic despite difficulty in movements over restricted routes via various transhipment points, as is evident from the fact that this traffic has recorded considerable increase in loading during the period from November 1955 to February 1956 over the corresponding period of the previous year.

Shri Jhulan Sinha: May I know if the attention of the Government has been drawn to the special transport difficulties, especially in North Bihar, in this respect?

Shri Alagesan: In all these places, as I said, there has been a greater amount of loading this year. Also, the quotas have been increased and in some cases special trains have also been run.

सेठ प्रचल सिंह: क्या मंत्री महोदय बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि क्या वजह है कि मेरठ, मुजफ्फरनगर तथा हापुड़ में वैगंस नहीं मिल रहे हैं?

Shri Alagesan: His Hindi was a bit too fast for me to follow. He was also indistinct.

Mr. Speaker: Shri Garg.

Shri R. P. Garg: In view of the fact that the paucity of wagons leads to illicit and corrupt practices on the

part of the railwaymen, may I know the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in order to put those practices to an end?

Shri Alagesan: Along with the need to move sugar, there is also the movement of commodities like sugarcane, tea, jute, etc. So, there is a greater demand between November and June for wagon loadings. But, as the House knows, various steps are being taken to increase the manufacture of wagons in this country itself.

Mr. Speaker: Shri Dabhi. Some hon. Member is laughing. Am I to take it that the hon. Member is putting the question?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): All the four Members who have tabled this question are absent.

Mr. Speaker: But how am I to know it if there is talk? I might suspend the House and give half an hour for hon. Members to carry on conversation inside the House!

It is very wrong that not even one out of the four Members who have tabled this question is present.

रेलवे प्रशासन में हिन्दी का प्रयोग

*१२२५. श्री भक्त बर्शन: क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि उनके मंत्रालय, अधीनस्य कार्यालयों श्रीर रेलवे प्रशासन में हिन्दी के प्रयोग के बारे में क्या विशेष कार्यवाही की गई है ?

रेलवे तथा परिवहन उपमंत्री (श्री ग्रलगेशन) : एक बयान सभा-पटल पर रख दिया गया है। विक्रिये परिशिष्ट ७, अनुबन्ध संख्या १]

श्री भक्त बर्रान: इस वक्तव्य में जो बातें बताई गई कि रेलवे मत्रालय हिन्दी के विकास के लिये यह यह कार्य कर रहा है उसके लिये में इसे घन्यवाद देता हूं, मगर में यह जानना चाहता हूं, कि पारिभाषिक शब्दाविल का जो अनुवाद किया जा रहा है उसकी प्रगति बहुत शिथिल मालूम पड़ती है क्योंकि "ए" से "एच" तक के शब्दों का अनुवाद ही अभी

तक हो पाया है जब कि हम को ''जेड'' तक जाना है इसका क्याकारण है ग्रीर अभी इस काम में कितने ग्रीर वर्ष लगेंगे?

Shri Alagesan: I think the traffic terms from the letters A to Z have been more or less finalised, but the publication, I think, has been made from A to H. I hope the rest will be published soon. Regarding the other departments also, the finalisation of the terms is going on. It is a work which has to be done rather carefully.

श्री भक्त बर्शन: इस वक्तव्य में यह भी बताया गया है कि कर्मचारियों को हिन्दी की जानकारी कराने के लिए कुछ विशेष उपाय किये जा रहे हैं। में जानना चाहता हूं कि क्या इस बात के आंकड़े एकत्र किये गये हैं कि रेलवे में कुल कितने कर्मचारी हैं, उनमें से कितने लोग इस समय हिन्दी की अच्छी जानकारी रखते हैं श्रोर क्या कोई ऐसा कार्यक्रम बनाया गया है जिससे कि दो, तीन, चार या पांच वर्षों के अन्दर सब लोग हिन्दी सीख जायें श्रौर इसे समझने लग जायें?

Shri Alagesan: I do not have the figures before me to show how many railway employees at present know Hindi or are proficient in Hindi and how many are not acquainted with Hindi. But, as I said in the statement, we are taking certain steps to acquaint the present employees with a knowledge of Hindi. It is proposed to introduce this subject in the training schools also so that they may pass a simple test before they go out of the training schools, especially in the non-Hindi speaking areas. I am not able to give the percentage of Hindiknowing employees as compared to the total number.

सेंठ गोविंद बास: रेलवे के कई विभाग ग्रीर उप-विभाग हैं। मैं जानना चाहता हूं कि अभी कितने ऐसे विभाग ग्रीर उप-विभाग हैं जिन में हिन्दी का चलन नहीं हुआ है ग्रीर क्या कोई ऐसी निश्चित योजना बनाई गई है कि उन विभागों ग्रीर उप-विभागों में भी हिन्दी में कार्य शुरू हो जाये, यदि हां तो उनमें हिन्दी का कब तक चलन हो जायेगा?