

टुकड़े में ही जखीरें क्यों खींची जाती रही है ?
कौन से वह विशेष कारण हैं जिन के कारण लोगों की ऐसी श्रावत पड़ गई ?

श्री शाहनवाज खां : प्रगर आनरेबल मेम्बर यह समझते हैं कि इसी टुकड़े पर जखीरे खींची जाती थी तो वह बहुत गलत-फहमी में गुन्तला है । बहुत से दूसरे हिस्से भी हैं जिन में ऐसा होता है ।

श्री भक्त बर्षान : मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या गवर्नमेंट ने इस पर विचार किया है कि इस समय जखीरो का दुरुपयोग करने पर केवल ५० र० तक जुर्माना हो सकता है और क्या यह भी विचार किया जा रहा है कि जखीरो का दुरुपयोग करने वाला को कैद की सजा दी जाय या जुर्माना और बढ़ा दिया जाय ?

उपाध्यक्ष महोदय, यह तो बिल सामने आया था और उस पर विचार भी हुआ चुका है ।

Shri Ayyakannu: May I know the number of times the alarm chain has been used on account of confinement in the train?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: It has been liberated now, we need not worry

Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: In view of the fact that the Railway Act has been amended and enhanced punishment has been provided for the improper use of alarm chains, may I know whether the Government will now revise their decision and think of effective administration rather than resort to such sort of methods?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: It is a suggestion for action

Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: I want to know when they introduced this whether they had this in view or not

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: That is a suggestion which the Government should consider

Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: May I know whether Government have considered this viewpoint or not and, if not, why not?

Mr Deputy-Speaker: The Minister can reply if he wants

Shri Shahnawas Khan: We have said on more than one occasion on the floor of this House that our main difficulty is not imposition of fines or enhanced punishment but lack of public co-operation. When somebody pulls the chain and our railway official goes to find out who pulled the chain nobody helps him to find out the culprit.

श्री भक्त बर्षान मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि मर्दानाओं के डिब्बों में यह सुविधा क्यों दी जा रही है ?

श्री शाहनवाज खां उन के लिये जरा खतरा ज्यादा होता है ।

श्री त्यागी : क्योंकि वह जबर पहनती है ।

Shifting of Western Railway Headquarters

*1757. Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state-

(a) whether the Railway Board have since reconsidered their decision regarding the shifting of Western Railway Zonal Headquarters from Bombay as recommended by the Estimates Committee, and

(b) if so, the nature of the decision arrived at?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawas Khan): (a) and (b) After giving the matter their fullest consideration, the Government have come to the conclusion that the shifting of the Zonal headquarters office of the Western Railway from Bombay was neither feasible nor necessary from the operational point of view

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: May I know if the Estimates Committee have again

asked the Railway Board to reconsider this decision?

Shri Shah nawas Khan: We had given this matter the fullest consideration.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: The question is whether the Estimates Committee has again asked the Railway Board to reconsider their decision.

Shri Shah nawas Khan: They again drew the attention of the Railway Ministry and they wanted to know if any steps had been taken in that respect, that was in November 1957. We have again pointed out our difficulties and the reasons for our inability to do so.

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: The Estimates Committee have in their recommendation stated that there are two zonal headquarters stationed at Bombay and, therefore, the Western Railway headquarters may be shifted. If it is not possible to shift the Western Railway headquarters, may I know whether they have considered the question of shifting the Central Railway headquarters to Secunderabad?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: Now he is arguing.

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: Not arguing.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: The Minister has stated that Government or the Railway Board have considered this.

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: If they could not shift the Western Railway headquarters, I want to know whether the Central Railway headquarters, which is also at Bombay.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: That would be a different question. But if the Minister is prepared, he might reply to it.

Shri Shah nawas Khan: There is no proposal to shift the Central Railway headquarters.

Shri Radhokai Vyas: What is the nature of the difficulties coming in the way of the Railway Board to shift the headquarters of the Western Railway from Bombay?

Shri Shah nawas Khan: As the hon. Member is aware, railway headquarters is a big organisation. We have invested crores and crores of rupees on buildings and offices on very thickly populated areas in Bombay. So, now to build fresh accommodation elsewhere would involve very huge expenditure.

Dehydration of Onions

*1758. **Shri Jadhav:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any centres of dehydration of onions in the country.

(b) where are the centres located, and

(c) whether Government are thinking of having such centres in view of the fact that there is great demand for dehydrated onions outside India?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr F. S. Deshmukh): (a) and (b) There is one factory in Mathura (UP) which produces dehydrated onions.

(c) No, Sir.

Shri Jadhav: May I know whether there is any demand in the foreign countries for dehydrated onions?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: No, not to our knowledge. If there were demand, we can easily set up additional dehydrated onion plants and supply.

Shri Jadhav: What was the production of onions in the year 1958 and how much of it was exported?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I must ask for notice. This question with respect to export should be addressed to the Commerce and Industry Ministry.

Shri B. K. Gaikwad: May I know whether Government would consider starting such a centre at Nasik in Bombay State where onion is grown in abundance?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: Government will certainly consider any possibility.