

रेल बंजी (श्री हनुमंतीया) : (क) 1-10-1970 से 31-5-1971 तक की अवधि में मध्य रेलवे से 23 घटनाओं और उत्तर रेलवे से 36 घटनाओं की रिपोर्ट मिली थी।

(ख) सूटी गई सम्पत्ति का मूल्य
(रुपयों में)

| | सरकारी | निजी |
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| (I) मध्य रेलवे | 1,16,403 | 440 |
| (II) उत्तर रेलवे | 4,259.05 | 32,687.50 |

(ग) और (घ). मध्य रेलवे उत्तर रेलवे

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| (I) गिरफ्तार व्य- क्तियों की संख्या | 5 | 36 |
| (II) उन व्यक्तियों की संख्या जिनके विरुद्ध मुकदमे दर्ज किए गये | 5 | 36 |
| (III) उन व्यक्तियों की संख्या जिनका दोष प्रमाणित हुआ | 3 | 4 |

Sale of Tickets from Hardoi Station on Northern Railway

3452. SHRI DHARAMGAJ SINGH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of first class and third class tickets for 29 UP and 30 DN and 9 UP and 10 DN trains sold from Hardoi station on the Northern Railway during the last three years ; and

(b) the arrangement made by his Ministry in regard to providing travelling facilities by way of introducing new train passages from Hardoi, keeping in view the importance of this district Headquarter.

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) Separate figures

for tickets sold for 29 UP and 30 DN Lucknow Mail and 9 UP and 10 DN Doon Express trains are not available as the figures are not maintained train-wise. However, the number of tickets sold during the last three years for first and third classes by all Mail/Express trains from Hardoi station is given below :

| | 1968-69 | 1969-70 | 1970-71 |
|-----------|---------|---------|---------|
| 1st Class | 371 | 375 | 370 |
| 3rd Class | 14020 | 13833 | 13364 |

(b) The existing train facilities comprising 5 pairs of Mail/Express and 3 pairs of passenger trains scheduled to stop at Hardoi are considered adequate for the present level of traffic offering at this station.

Hindi 'Head Translators' Western Railways

3453. SHRI B. N. BHARGAVA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Western Railway authorities requested for eight posts of Hindi Head Translators on the Division for translation of Station Working Rules ;

(b) whether prior to the receipt of Western Railway's proposals, the Board had sanctioned five posts of Head Translators on the Central Railway for translation of Station Working Rules ; and

(c) if so, the reasons for not sanctioning similar posts on Western Railway and the arrangements that are now proposed for translation of Station Working Rules in Hindi ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) In March, 1970 creation of a Translation Unit consisting of one Sr. Translator, one Jr. Translator and one Hindi Typist for each Divisional Office of Railways was sanctioned. The Railways have been asked to

review the progress made in Hindi translation work with a view to determine whether in the context of the present work-load, the existing strength of staff needs to be augmented.

Retrenchment of casual workers on Southern Railway

3454. SHRI MOHAMMAD ISMAIL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

- (a) the number of casual workers employed under the Southern Railway ;
- (b) the number of casual Workers recently retrenched from Southern Railway ;
- (c) whether they have been served with valid retrenchment notices ; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) 30808.

(b) 2724.

(c) Yes, wherever necessary.

(d) Does not arise.

12.05 hrs.

CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

ANTI-INDIAN RIOTS IN SOUTH NEPAL

SHRI B. R. SHUKLA (Bharaich) : I call the attention of the hon. Minister of External Affairs to the following matter of urgent public importance and I request that he may make a statement thereon :

"The reported recent anti-Indian riots in South Nepal resulting in about 1,000 Indians leaving Nepal for Purnea district of Bihar."

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : Government have received reports that there have recently been riots in Gauriganj, District Jhapa, and in some other places in Mechi and Kosi Anchals in Nepal.

The trouble started on June 10 when a clash took place between two rival groups of Pahari and Madhesia students, some of whom supported the Headmaster of the Gauriganj High School and others supported the Secretary of the High School.

Later, trouble spread when the Pahari students attacked some shops in the market, and were assisted by some Rais and Limbus from nearby villages. The Nepali police have indicated that they are making effort to bring the situation under control ; our Embassy in Kathmandu is in contact with the Government of Nepal.

Owing to the prevailing tension, a number of persons of Indian origin have taken shelter in Purnea district of Bihar. It is our expectation that normalcy will be restored and these people will return soon to their homes.

SHRI B. R. SHUKLA : This statement made on behalf of the Government is very meagre and sketchy because it has not indicated how many shops have been looted and how many Indians have been subjected to other types of harassment. It has merely contented itself with stating that some shops in the market were attacked. I want to know the result of this attack, whether the shops attacked belonged to persons of Indian origin or of Nepalese origin.

Secondly, I would like to know whether any arrest by the Nepal Government has been effected in this connection, whether the people responsible for this outbreak of riots against Indians have been taken to task and produced in a court of law.

Thirdly, it has also not been stated in this statement how many persons of Indian origin have actually fled from Nepalese territory and entered India, and the condition of the property left behind by them in Nepal. So, a fuller statement is expected from the Government.

Moreover, such an outbreak is not a new and isolated phenomenon in the history of Nepal. There have been periodical repeated outbreaks in which Indians have been subjected to harassment and have also been deprived of their property. Perhaps our policy of extreme liberalism and tolerance has been consistently mis-constructed by the