

Government of West Bengal do not cooperate and the amount lapses, will that amount be allotted to Kerala ? ...

(*Interruptions*)

SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DAS MUNSI : No, no... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI A. CHARLES : I may be permitted to speak. No funds have been allotted to Kerala even for ongoing projects. If some funds lapse due to non-cooperation of the coalition government in West Bengal, I want to know whether it will be transferred to some other State where the coalition government is co-operating.

MR. SPEAKER : Where is the Home Minister ? There is a threat of hijacking here.

SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : May I answer to the Kerala part of the question ?

[*Translation*]

SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I want to tell hon. Shri Scindia that the unspent funds should remain in our own house and should not be transferred.

MR. SPEAKER : This is a big House, Sir.

[*English*]

Amenities at Firozabad Railway Station

*251. SHRI G ANGA RAM : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether no facilities have been provided to the passengers at Firozabad Railway Station in the matter of ordinary civic amenities like drinking water, provision of sheds at the platforms, booking offices etc. ; and

(b) if so, what remedial measures are being taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) Facilities to the passengers such as drinking water, sheds over platforms, booking offices etc. have been provided at Firozabad Station.

(b) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

SHRI GANGA RAM : Mr. Speaker, Sir, the condition of Firozabad railway station is as bad as that of Firozabad city itself. There is filth all around. Only one out of the four platforms has a shed over it and the rest three do not have any shed...

MR. SPEAKER : Now-a-days, Government give some matching grants...

SHRI GANGA RAM : The situation is so deplorable there that the passengers face a lot of difficulty during the rains and in winter. I shall request the Hon. Minister to construct sheds on at least two of the four platform this year. At the same time, I would also suggest that if the Hon. Minister agrees, he may send a team to conduct a survey with regard to the facilities to which I have drawn his attention in my main question, so that adequate facilities could be provided there. He can get it examined himself. It will be better if I am also included in that team.

MR. SPEAKER : I think, some women Members should be kept on that team, because Firozabad is very famous for bangles.

SHRI BANSI LAL : A shed measuring 374 square metres is there on platforms No. 1 and 2. Platforms No. 3 and 4 have a shed measuring 228 square metres. Besides, a waiting hall measuring 223 square metres is

also there. Apart from this, construction of another shed measuring 52½/35 feet for another platform at a total cost of Rs. 1,36,000 has been approved

SHRI BANGA RAM : I want to know how much time will be taken in the construction of this shed of a new platform ?

SHRI BANSI LAL : As soon as possible.

[*English*]

Missing Indian Ships

*252. **SHRI V. S. KRISHNA
IYER :**
**SHRI KASI PRASAD
PANDEY :**

Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of crew on board the two missing Indian ships namely M.V. Nitya Nanak and M. V. Nitya Ram and the nature and value of cargo that these ships were carrying ;

(b) the details thereof ; and

(c) the loss to the companies due to sinking/missing of these two ships and the compensation likely to be provided to the owners ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) : Sir, before I read out the reply I beg your permission for a very minor correction. In parts (a) and (b) of the reply after the words 'salt' and 'coal' the word 'reportedly' should be added. Secondly, the value of salt which has been given as Rs. 7,46,200 should be read as Rs. 23,21,067. Now, I will read out the reply.

(a) and (b) : There were 23 crew members on board M.V. 'Nitya Nanak'

and 21 crew members on board M.V. 'Nitya Ram'. 'Nitya Nanak' was carrying 5440 tons of salt reportedly valued at Rs. 23,21,067 and M.V. 'Nitya Ram' 5182 tons of coal reportedly valued as Rs. 30,00,000.

(c) Compensation payable if loss is attributable to marine perils will be Rs. 1.30 crores for 'Nitya Ram' and Rs. 0.85 crores for 'Nitya Nanak'. The owners have made a claim for payment which is under scrutiny by the Insurance Company.

MR. SPEAKER : Although the Questions Hour is over, yet I would like to allow Half-an.Hour discussion on this Question.

SHRI SANTARAM NAIK : There is a total fraud with respect to the two ships which are missing in the high seas.

MR. SPEAKER : The Question Hour is over. I cannot help you.

SHRI UTTAM RATHOD : Sir, a Calling Attention motion has been allowed in Rajya Sabha.

[*Translation*]

MR. SPEAKER : All right,—

[*English*]

—We will take it up under Calling Attention.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[*Translation*]

**Difficulties of Daily Passengers
Travelling in Shuttle Trains
between Nasirabad-Ajmer
and Beawar-Ajmer**

*243. **SHRI VISHNU MODI :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state ;