

1859 Re: *Missing I.A.F. PHALGUNA 1, 1885 (SAKA) Railway Budget—1860 Aircraft* *General Discussions*

Shri Sweel wants an answer to that simple question whether the Minister is going there.

Shri Nanda: The Government has to discharge its responsibility; whether through the person of the Minister or otherwise, it has to discharge it.

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Defence (Shri D. R. Chavan): So far it has not been traced.

16:53 hrs.

MESSAGE FROM VICE-PRESIDENT
DISCHARGING THE FUNCTIONS
OF PRESIDENT

Mr. Speaker: I have to inform the House that I have received the following message dated the 20th February, 1964, from the Vice-President discharging the functions of the President:

"I have received with great satisfaction the expression of thanks by the Members of the Lok Sabha for the Address I delivered to both the Houses of Parliament assembled together on the 10th February, 1964."

16:53½ hrs.

RE: MISSING I.A.F. AIRCRAFT

Shri Bade (Khargone): I want to have one information more. What has become of that plane which is missing? There are rumours that it is in Pakistan. I want to know whether they have got any information or not. We are very keen to know it.

Mr. Speaker: I will try to find out, or I will send word to the Defence Minister to find out if he has got any later information.

An hon. Member: The Deputy Minister is here.

Mr. Speaker: Has he got any information?

16:54 hrs.

RAILWAY BUDGET—GENERAL
DISCUSSION—contd.

Shri Alvares (Panjim): The hon. Minister for Railways has succeeded in presenting a Budget that has met with the approval of a large section of the community, but I do not think that on the performance and the prospects of the railways in future this optimism or complacency is justified. If they examine the issues more carefully from the point of view of performance or from the point of view of its financial implications or from the point of view of the vast labour complex of twelve lakhs of railway employees, I do not see any justification for the complacency that is shown there. It is only the other day that the Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission had stated that the public sector enterprises should pay a minimum ten per cent dividend on capital-at charge. Government is investing large sums of money in public enterprises and this money should not be locked unfruitfully and public sector enterprises should come at least to the standard of profit that the private sector enterprises are showing today. Public sector enterprises are exempt from various forms of taxation of the corporate sector. This dividend shown by the railways does not therefore justify the complacency in regard to the discharging of its financial responsibility to the general revenues. That is why, when the net income of the Railways has dropped by about Rs. 7 crores since last year, this complacency