

SHRI MALLIKARJUN: It is true that no new railway line has been constructed in the Rayalaseema area in the recent past. In the statement I have referred to the execution of work going on there. So far as new railway lines are concerned, at the moment there are four surveys in the Rayalaseema area. One survey has been completed. It will be examined. Subject to clearance from the Planning Commission, these lines will be taken up as new constructions. So far as the other part of the question of the hon. Member is concerned, surveys are conducted periodically. Even before independence such surveys have been conducted. Surveys on the present situation are taken up off and on. At the moment, four surveys are on hand.

SHRI K. OBUL REDDY: Is there a proposal with the Government to connect all State capitals with broad-gauge lines? If so, when will there be a broad-gauge line between Bangalore and Hyderabad, the two State capitals?

SHRI MALLIKARJUN: At the moment it is not possible to say when Bangalore and Hyderabad would be connected by broad-gauge line. Already, work is going on from Bangalore to Guntakal. From Guntakal to Hyderabad there is already B. G. line via Wadi. At the moment it is not possible to connect Bangalore and Hyderabad.

SHRI DARUR PULLAIAH: Sir, I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether the Government will consider survey of new railway lines in the backward area of Rayalaseema from Guntakal to Tumkur via Uravakonda and Kalyandurg and whether the Government is going to start work on the new railway line from Bellary to Chittaldurg via Rayadurg.

SHRI MALLIKARJUN: So far as the line from Bellary to Rayadurg is concerned, already the survey for conversion of the line into broad gauge is there, but so far as the new line from Guntakal to Tumkur is concerned, it is a matter to be examined and I cannot commit myself to the House.

SHRI DARUR PULLAIAH: Sir, he did not say about Rayadurg and Chittaldurg.

SHRI MALLIKARJUN: Sir, it is before the Planning Commission.

Robbery in Toofan Express on 2nd March, 1981.

*647. **SHRI SATYENDRA NARAIN SINHA:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Toofan Express was robbed between Barhaiya and Mokameh stations on March 2, 1981;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the victims received any help from the Railways after the incident?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (**SHRI MALLIKARJUN**): (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) to (c). Yes, Sir. On 2-3-1981 at about 18.38 hrs. while 7 Up (Howrah-Delhi Toofan Express) was starting from Barhaiya Station about 14/15 persons entered Coach No. ER 4571 and started looting passengers of the compartment at the point of country-made pistols and knives. They snatched cash, wrist watches, ornaments, suitcases, etc. worth about Rs. 20,000/- from about 20 passengers. 16 passengers including a Bihar Military Police Constable and the TTE on duty were injured by the miscreants. After looting the passengers, the miscreants stopped the train by pulling alarm chain between Hatidiah and Tal Junction stations and fled away with the looted property.

On arrival of the train at Mokameh Junction Station at about 19.10 hrs., all the injured persons were given first aid by the Assistant Divisional Medical Officer of the Eastern Railway, Mokameh.

No compensation is paid as per rules by Railways to passengers for loss suffered by them in such crimes.

Government Railway Police, Mokameh registered case No. 12(3)81 dated 2-3-81 under section 395 IPC. As a result of the efforts of the Police, looted property worth about Rs. 10,000/- could be recovered and 10 culprits have been arrested. Police investigations are continuing. The Deputy Inspector General (Railways), Bihar and Superintendent Railway Police, Jamalpur visited Barhaiya promptly and personally supervised the investigations.

SHRI SATYENDRA NARAIN SINHA: Sir, may I know if there are police escorts on the trains and if so, what action did the Government take to prevent robbery being committed?

SHRI MALLIKARJUN: It is a misfortune that dacoities and robberies have been committed on trains and particularly on the section on which Toofan Express runs. And when the dacoity was committed, Rs. 20,000 worth of articles were robbed, but the Government very keenly acted and nearly Rs. 10,000 worth of articles....

SHRI SATYENDRA NARAIN SINHA: Sir, it is not my question.

SHRI MALLIKARJUN: I am just coming to it. Since it is a sensitive issue, I am just coming with a background to what steps the Government is taking. The Government is taking effective steps to see that dacoity and robbery are not committed on trains and the steps which they are taking at the moment are escorting of important passenger trains at night by armed guards of C.R.P. of the concerned State Governments, patrolling at stations, platforms and waiting halls, surveillance over criminals and bad characters....

(Interruptions)

SHRI SATYENDRA NARAIN SINHA: My question is specific. I am not asking what steps the Government is taking. I only wanted to know whether there was armed police escort in the train or not on that particular day and if so, what action did they take to prevent robbery being committed.

SHRI MALLIKARJUN: That is what I have been saying, but the hon. Member did not allow me to complete it. On that particular day when the dacoity was committed, at Mokameh Junction, our police dog squad was also brought into operation and our railway police also came into operation. That is how....

(Interruptions)

श्री राजेश कुमार सिंह: ट्रेन में पुलिस स्क्यारिटे था या नहीं? अगर था, तो उसने क्या कार्यवाही की?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFAR SHARIEF): There were 5 persons, unarmed constables belonging to GRP, who were escorting that train. One of the constables received injuries when he got into scuffle with them, the other four were in different compartments. After the train moved from the station, this robbery took place and subsequently when it reached the Mokameh station, they pulled the chain and run away. Subsequently the police investigated, they arrested the culprits and the recoveries were being done.

SHRI SATYENDRA NARAIN SINHA: In view of the fact that a robbery has been committed on this very train on 17th of February, was it not necessary for the Government to post armed police personnel to escort that train?

SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF: I have already said that there were police escorts on that.

MR. SPEAKER: Were they armed?

SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF: Unfortunately that happened and we have taken care to see that all the trains which are run at night time are escorted both by R.P.F. and G.R.P.

MR. SPEAKER: Armed also.

SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF: Armed and un-armed both.

श्री राम विलास पासवान : मैं-मंत्री महोदय को, और खास कर श्री पांडे को, बताना चाहता हूँ कि मोकामेह और बड़हैया की लाइन पर, जो बक्सर तक चली जाती है, यात्रियों का जीवन कभी सुरक्षित नहीं है। माननीय सदस्या, श्रीमती कृष्णा साही, भी यही बात कहेगी। उधर बगूसराय वाली लाइन की भी यही दुर्घति है। यह एक दिन की घटना नहीं है, बल्कि बराबर ऐसी घटनायें होती हैं। कोई भी, किसी भी स्तर का, पैसेंजर हो—बी आई पी, मिनिस्टर, एम पी या एम एल ए हो—, किसी का भी जीवन सुरक्षित नहीं है। चोरी डकैती वहां का परमनिष्ठ फ़ीचर हो गया है। कोई घटना होती है, मंत्री महोदय वहां उसके बारे में जवाब देते हैं। उसके बाद लगातार घटनायें होती रहती हैं। मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या मंत्री महोदय ने इस समस्या का कोई निदान निकाला है, यदि हां, तो वह क्या है। क्या सरकार इस हाउस को एंशोर कर सकती है कि ऐसी घटनाओं को रोकने के लिए पग उठाए जायेंगे और भविष्य में ऐसी घटना नहीं घटेगी ?

रेल संज्ञी (श्री केदार पांडे) : इसमें दो बातें हैं : एक आर पी एफ है और दूसरा जी आर पी। यह सही है कि उस एरिया में इस तरह की घटनाएं होती हैं। कुछ अन-आर्डर्ड सिपाही ट्रेन में जा रहे थे और वे इस घटना को नहीं रोक सके, और उसका बुरा असर हुआ है। हम वहां ध्यान देंगे और ज्यादा कानसेण्ट्रेटेड करेंगे ताकि इस तरह की घटना न घटे।

श्रीमती कृष्णा साही : अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैंने मोकामेह का दस बरस तक प्रतिनिधित्व किया है और अब बड़हैया का भी प्रतिनिधित्व कर रही हूँ। मैं मंत्री महोदय से यह जानना चाहती हूँ कि क्या उन्हें इस बात की जानकारी है कि जो

जी आर पी या पुलिस वहां पर पोस्टिड होती है, उसी की सांठ-गांठ से रेलवे में डकैतियां होती हैं। मैं कहना चाहती हूँ कि सारे हिन्दुस्तान में माल-गाड़ियों से सामान की जितनी चोरी होती है, उसमें सब से ज्यादा गरहड़ा यार्ड से होती है, जो वही पर है। मैंने इस और मंत्री महोदय का ध्यान दिलाया है, लेकिन अभी तक कोई कार्यवाही नहीं हुई है। सारे हिन्दुस्तान में जितनी चोरी होती है, उसकी 50 प्रतिशत चोरी वही पर होती है। वहां पर डकैती एक नहीं, अनेक हुई हैं। क्या सरकार इस समस्या का समाधान करने के लिए भविष्य में वहां पूरी पुलिस प्रोटेक्शन और आर्डर्ड गार्ड की व्यवस्था करेगी ? मंत्री महोदय यह साबित कर देंगे कि वहां पर जे०आर०पी० के चार सिपाही थे, लेकिन वे सिपाही नहीं थे। वहां आर्डर्ड गार्ड के बिना काम नहीं चल सकता है। क्या सरकार इस बात की व्यवस्था करेगी कि लोगों के जानो-माल की सुरक्षा के लिए वहां पर आर्डर्ड गार्ड रखे जायें ?

श्री केदार पांडे : हम उस पर विचार करेंगे।

Transport System in the Capital

*648. SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the traffic conditions in Delhi are becoming chaotic due to the continued negligence of the transport system in the capital; and

(b) if so, the measures under contemplation by Government to rectify and ease the situation?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) No Sir. However, there are problems of congestion in some areas particularly within the walled city.