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SHRI P. C. SETHI: It is not as if they have taken the people on lottery basis. Senior officers from transportation, tele-communication, engineering, mechanical engineering, signalling...

SHRI KAMAL NATH: Not catering?

SHRI P. C. SETHI: Catering does not come in the area of accidents.

SHRI KAMAL NATH: People have gone from the Catering also.

SHRI P. C. SETHI: People have been taken from important disciplines.

As far as the recommendations of these teams are concerned, they are being monitored at the General Manager's lovel and at the same time, we are having regular meetings in the Board with these teams. I have also been visiting various zones to meet these teams, to go into the recommendations given by them. I can assure the hon. Members that we would certainly like to implement these suggestion which we have accepted.

श्री फुल चन्द दर्मा मंत्री महांदय ने बताया कि 44 डिनीजनों का आप के मरुआ दल ने अवलोकन किया और जाे विभिन्न सामियां धीं उस के राम्दन्ध में रिपोर्ट वगैरह प्रस्तुत कर रहे हैं । मैं जागना चाहता हूं कि यह सुरक्षा दल विभिन्न स्थानों पर जो गया था क्या वह रल से गया भा या हवाई जहाज से गया था ? अक्सर यह होता है कि रोलवे बॉर्ड के चेयरसैंन तो हवाई जहाज से सफर करते हैं और हमार सेठी जी रेल मंत्री होने के बाद भी रेल से इन्दारे जाते हैं। इसलिए रेल में सधार करने के लिए हवाई जहाश से जाना पड यह जरा विचारणीय प्रश्न हो जाता है। एक तो मैं यह जानना चाहता हूं।

दूसरे, मैं यह जानना चाहूंगा कि मध्य प्रदेश से वेस्टर्न रोलवे और सेंट्रल रोलवे दोनों ही गुजरती हैं, आप की जानकारी में भी यह होगा और मेरी जानकारी में तो है ही, हम दोनों एक ही स्थान से आते हैं, क्या यह मही है कि इन दोनों रोलवेज में विद्येय कर सीन पत्ती के लिए जुए क्षेलने वाले लोग रहते हैं ? अभी पिछले दिनों एक व्यक्ति से 3 हजार रुपये छीन लिए गए लेकिन उस को पकड़ा नहीं गया। तो क्या रोलवे सुरक्षा दल की जांच में से सब वातें भी आएंगी या नहीं ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K JAFFER SHARIEF): The juestion does not arise out of the main question.

श्री फूल चंद वर्माः अध्यक्ष महादय, जवाव नहीं आया ।

अध्यक्ष महोवयः : जदाब तो सदाल में ही आ गया ।

श्री <mark>प्रूल चंद दर्माः</mark> ज्वाद कुछ तो आसा^{रा} चाहिए ।

SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF : The question does not arise out of the nain question.

श्वी फूल घंध वर्माः मैंने यह तो नहीं कहा कि सिर मूंड़ाते ही आले पड़े। आप जैसे ही रोल मंत्री बने रोल दूर्घटना हो गई।

अध्यक्ष महोदयः मंत्री बनते ही रोल दार्घटना दन्द हो गई ।

Indians in Burmese jail

*829. SHRI RAJESH KUMAR SINGH:

SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are a number of Indians in Burmese jails;

(b) if so, the number of such Indians and since when they are in Burmese jails: and

(c) the steps Government have taken to secure the release of Indians detained in Burmese jails and to ensure protection of the interest of the Indian community in that country? THE MINISTER FOR PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKAR): (a) and (b). As per the latest information available with Government, there are 130 Indians in various Burmese Jails at present. A statement giving break-up is attached. Approximately 150 of the persons detained are held on charges connected with illegal immigration into or illegal stay in Burma.

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(c) The matter of their expeditious trial and release on the expiry of their prison terms has been regularly and vigorously taken up with the Burmese authorities at various levels from time to time. As a result of our persistent efforts, 34 Indians were released during the last year alone. Our Embassy in Rangoon has been advised to continue their efforts and to persuade the Burmese authorities to adopt a humanitarian approach while implementing their regulatory measures.

Statement

Year of Arrest	;	Number
1965	•	1
1970		1
1972		1
1973		3
1974		1
1975		47
1976		31
1977		7
1978		37
1979		8
1980		16
1981		D
1982		2
	Total	160

श्वी रावेत्र कुमार सिंह : अध्यक्ष महो-दय, 160 भारसीय वर्मा की भिन्न भिन्न डोनों में बन्द हैं। इसी प्रकार से पाकि-स्तान को जेलों में भी 300 लोगों के बंद होने को दात आपने स्वीकार की थी जिनमों से 40 भारतीय तो एसे हैं जोकि सन् 1971 की लड़ाई के बाद आज तक वारिस नहीं आए हैं। पाकिस्तान गवर्नमेन्ट ने भी कहा है कि चार प्रिजनर्स आफ बार पाकिस्तान जेलों में हैं।

इसमें मंत्री जी ने बताया है :

"Approximately 150 of the persons detained are held on charges connected with illegal immigration of illegal stay in Burma."

इसमें दस लोगों के बारो में आएने नहीं बनाया है कि वे किस लिए रान्द हैं? बूसरो दात यह है कि इनमें से कितने रुगेगों के कैसेज का निर्णय हो गया है और जेल की अविध भी पूरो हो गई है जसके बायजद उनको नहीं छोड़ा गया है तो इस सम्बन्ध में भीक्या आएने दहां की मरकार से कोई गम्पर्क किया है या और कोई कार्यवाही की है?

SHRI P. SHIV SHANKAR: In the answer I have given the figure approximately as 150 persons. I have not given the exact figure as 150. The position is that out of a total of 160 persons, 30 persons are detained und, the Foreign Registration Act for not being in possession of documents or for the default in payment of the annual stay permit fees, 118 are detained for illegal entry into Burma through the land route and 12 are detained for some criminal or civil offences. That makes a total of 160 persons.

My hon friend asked how many cases have been settled, or are likely to be settled. I must submit that because of the efforts that have been made by our Mission in Burma, roughly about 40 persons out of these 160 are likely to be released within the next two or three months.

धी राज्ञे कर्मार सिंहः अभ्यक्ष महादय, कुछ समय पहले पाकिस्तान के सम्बन्ध में अखवारों में छपा था। ''हिन्दुस्तान टाइम्स'' 23

में यह आया था कि पाकिस्तान की जेलों में 8 भारतीयों की हालत खराब हो गई, उनका मानसिक सन्तुलन दिगड़ गया । मैं जानना चाहता हूं क्या मंत्री जी ने, दर्मा की जेलों में जो भारतीय हैं उनकी स्थिति के दारों में कोई जानकारी हासिल की है कि दे किस दशा में हैं? इसके अतिरिक्त वहां पर जो भारतीय छूटे हैं या जो आपने छुड़ाए हैं, उनको स्वदंशा लाने की भी आपने कोई व्यवस्था की है?

SHRI P. SHIV SHANKAR: I must say that a lot of consular assistance is being given to this type of people. Our officials also visit the jails, particularly in Rangoon. But in the farflung areas, like Mandalay, it is difficult because of the lack of communication. They try to go and visit them and give them a moral boosting. One spect which has to be taken into consideration is that, if they were all undian citizens, then, necessarily all action is bound to be taken in order to safeguard the interests of our citimens. But, many of these people, who are there, are of Indian origin and some of them are settled there for a **k**ong time

About those who are the Indian citizens, and who go straight from the border because after all it is one thousand mile border, all care is taken in respect of such type of people of Indian origin and Indian citizens.

SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV: Sir. the base of the Manipur People's Liberation Army which is creating secessionist movement. is in Burma and Mr. Bisweshwar Singh, who has been arrested, has confessed it in his statement In view of this, may I know whether any of these PLA people have been arrested there and whether the Government of India is trying to get them back here.

SHRI P. SHIV SHANKAR: I think, I am not sure about many of the PLAs being arrested. The question raised originally was with respect to the persons in jail already. So, I answered with reference to that. SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV: My question is whether any PLAs havebeen arrested there. They are also Indian citizens.

SHRI P. SHIV SHANKAR: That is perfectly all right. I have said that from the break-up that I have given, there do not appear to be any PLAs at all because I have already said that there are 30 of the persons who are without any document, 108 of the persons who trespassed into their territory and only 12 of the persons who committed civil and criminal offences.

श्री मौतीभाई आर. चौधरी : बर्मा में जो भारतीय बसे हुए थे उनकी जायदाद का राष्ट्रीयकरण कर दिया गया है और उनको जो मुझावजा मिलना चाहिए था, वह अभी तक नहीं मिला है ।

अर्ध्यक्ष महोदयः यह इस सवाल से रोलेवेन्ट नहीं है ।

श्री मोतीभाई आर. चौधरी : जैल में वे बन्द हैं और उन की जायदाद ले ली गई हैं। ब्रिटिश नागरिक जो थे, उनको पैमा मिल गया है।

अध्यक्ष महोदयः इस सवाल की इसमे उत्पत्ति नहीं होती है।

एक माननीय सदस्य ः आप करा दीजिए उत्पत्ति । ____

अध्यक्ष महादेय : अन नेचुरल कौसे हो सकती है ।

नेक्स्टक्वोश्चन, श्री एच. एन. तन्जें गौँडा।

Introduction of Computers in Railways

•829. SHRI H. N. NANJE GOWDA: SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR GOYAL:

will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Institute of Rail- way Signal & Telecommunication Engineers had held a symposium at Madras and suggested to Government