

## LOK SABHA DEBATES

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Thursday, November, 26, 1981/  
Agrahayana 5, 1903/(Saka)

*The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the Clock*

[MR. SPEAKER *in the Chair*]

### ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

MR. SPEAKER : Shri Subodh Sen. He is not there.

Shri George Fernandes. Shrimati Jayanti Patnaik. They are also not there.

SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER : It is strange, Sir. When we want to prepare question and we do this, the whole Opposition gets up and disturbs the House. And now when their questions come, they do not come. It is mockery of this Parliament.

MR. SPEAKER : Shri Manmohan Tudu. He is not there.

Should I thank you, Mr. Desai, for being present ?

### Looting of Lucknow-Delhi Mail on 30th October, 1981

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\*63. SHRI B. V. DESAI :  
SHRI MANMOHAN  
TUDU :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the looting that took place

in the Lucknow-Delhi Mail on the night of 30th October, 1981 ;

(b) if so, whether those dacoits have been traced out ;

(c) the action taken against them; and

(d) the security measures proposed to be taken to protect the night passengers travelling in various trains in different rail routes of the country ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRIES OF RAILWAYS AND EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 1 dacoit was killed in encounter with the Police and his 2 associates were arrested.

(c) Police investigations are in progress.

(d) Government Railway Police who are responsible for safety and security of passengers travelling in trains and their belongings, are making efforts to control crime on the Railways by providing escorts on trains, surveillance over criminals, arresting and prosecuting them in specific cases. Railway Protection Force is assisting the Government Railway Police in this regard.

SHRI B. V. DESAI : On this subject, the other day, there was a detailed discussion on Calling Attention. There is not much which is to be asked.

MR. SPEAKER : We had a lot of discussion on this.

**SHRI B. V. DESAI :** The hon. Minister was kind enough to explain when we had Calling Attention, but I would like to ask one supplementary. Lucknow-Delhi mail incident is not a particular incident when there was looting on 30th October, 1981. Umpteen number of such incidents are taking place. Government is trying to take some steps. But none-the-less the Central Government is trying to pass on the buck to the State Governments also. In so far as such incidents are concerned, it may be State Governments or the Central Government, but the public is agitated regarding the pattern of these incidents. May I know from the hon. Minister, has the Central Government asked the State Governments also to tighten their security measures and to see that they help the Railway authorities to locate and to punish those persons who get involved in this ?

**SHRI MALLIKARJUN :** Meetings have been held constantly with the State authorities, including the Chief Ministers and the Chief Secretary, I.G.P., and so on and so forth. There is regular, proper co-ordination between the Railways and the State Governments. The State Governments particularly U.P., Bihar, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan are taking adequate steps in order to prevent such occurrences.

Recently also, apart from this particular case, just about two days back, there was one such incident that took place and immediately the S.R.P., Gorakhpur was able to stop the train and chase the criminals near Basti and they were also able to kill one of the criminals and arrest some of them.

**श्री अशफाक हुसैन :** मैं मंत्री जी से जानना चाहता हूँ कि 29-अप्र की डकैती, जिसके बारे में सवाल किया गया है, क्या वह पहले से प्लान्ड थी ? मैं इसलिए कह रहा हूँ कि यह पहले से प्लान्ड थी

क्योंकि उस विशेष कम्पार्टमेंट में, जो कि गोरखपुर से लगा था, उस दिन रेलवे के एक बड़े अधिकारी जो 9 साल तक गोरखपुर में ब्राड गेज कांस्ट्रक्शन के मुख्य इंजीनियर रहे थे, वे अपने रिटायरमेंट के बाद अपना सारा माल असबाब लेकर— चाहे वह सही तरीके से पैदा किया गया हो या गलत तरीके से पैदा किया गया हो— जा रहे थे और उनके सूटकेस से सोने के बिस्कुट, घड़ियां और नेपाल से गलत तरीके से स्मगल किया गया सामान मिला, क्या मंत्री जी की इस बात की जानकारी है ?

**श्री अशफाक हुसैन :** श्री मल्लिकार्जुन

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**श्री मल्लिकार्जुन :** पुलिस ने इसमें एक डकैत को मारा और दो को अरेस्ट किया और उस में जो सामान मिला है उस की लिस्ट मेरे पास है, 80 हजार के सामान की रिकवरी हुई है। जैसा कि माननीय सदस्य ने कहा कि गोल्ड बिस्कुट मिले या नहीं तो ऐसा सामान नहीं मिला।