

**DEMANDS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY
GRANTS FOR 1957-58.**

The Minister of Finance (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): I beg to present a statement showing Demands for Supplementary Grants in respect of the Budget (General) for 1957-58.

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao (Khammam): The Demands for Grants were passed only the other day.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. Member will have an opportunity.

**CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTER
OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE**

STOPPAGE OF TRAIN AT NADIAD BY MOB

Shrimati Ha Palchoudhuri (Nabadwip): Under rule 197, I beg to call the attention of the Minister of Railways to the following matter of urgent public importance and I request that he may make a statement thereon:—

"Stoppage of the Saurashtra Express at Nadiad by a mob on the 8th August, 1957".

The Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawas Khan): The Janata Parishad called upon the people of Gujrat to observe 8th August, 1957 as "Shahid Day" and to enforce traffic curfew on that day. On that date, train No. 307 Down Saurashtra Express (running from Bombay to Viramgam) was stopped at Nadiad station of the Western Railway by a local mob of demonstrators.

The train was due to arrive at Nadiad at 18.21 hours and depart at 18.25 hours. It was running a few minutes late. While approaching the Nadiad station, it was stopped, between the outer and home signals, by a mob which had collected near the cabin. The emergency chain was also pulled off and on. The train suffered a detention of 27 minutes at this point. Finally, the vacuum appa-

rus was disconnected and the train proceeded further.

The following other trains were also similarly detained by the mob at Nadiad on that date:—

- (i) 359 Down Baroda-Viramgam passenger train was stopped at Nadiad by pulling the emergency chain. The train suffered an extra detention of 1 hour 9 minutes.
- (ii) 350 Up Ahmedabad-Bulsar Passenger was stopped at Nadiad near B Cabin by a mob standing on the track. This train was due to arrive and leave Nadiad at 12.27 and 12.35 hours, respectively. The train was held up at cabin from 12.47 to 13.02 hours. A few coaches were uncoupled. The train arrived at Nadiad station at 13.5 hours after the mob had been cleared and left at 13.10 hours.
- (iii) 347 Down Bombay-Viramgam passenger was due to arrive at 12.49 hours and leave at 12.57 hours. While approaching the station, the train was held up between the outer and home signals by a mob standing on the track. It suffered a detention of 45 minutes near the cabin. The train left Nadiad after the alarm chain apparatus was disconnected.
- (iv) 360 Up Viramgam-Baroda Passenger due to arrive at 18.40 hours and to leave at 18.47 hours actually arrived Nadiad at 19.38 hours and left at 20.15 hours. The train suffered an extra detention of 30 minutes. A few coaches were uncoupled and after the mob was persuaded the train was finally allowed to proceed further.

There was no damage to railway property and as far as has been ascertained there was also no incident