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[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]
ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS
Expenditure in curred on R.P.F.

*206. SHRI S. P. BHATTACHARY-YA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the total expendidure incurred on the Railway Protection Force during the last 3 years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): The expenditure incurred on the Railway Protection Force during the last three years was as under:

	Year			Expenditure in Rs.
1972-73				14,84,15,625
1973-74				15,78,36,782
1974-75				19,95,86,599

SHRI M. RAM GOPAL REDDY: We are spending crores of rupees on this Railway Prolection Force every year. On account of this force, I want to know how much we have saved and if these people are not there, how much we would have lost. Will the Minister give an estimate?

SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI: This is a hypothetical question. Nobody can say that. How can we say 3010 LS—1.

that if the Police force is not there we would have gained this much and on account of the Police force we have lost this much? It is a force on which expenses are being incurred and they are doing their job very well.

श्री नरसिंह नारायण गाँड : इस फोर्म पर जितना धन खर्च हो रहा है, उसको युजफुल बनाने के लिए, फोर्सगुल बनाने के लिए क्या मत्री महोदय रेलवे प्रोटेक्शन फोर्स के नियमों श्रीर कानूनों में या रेलवे एक्ट के नियमों श्रीर कानूनों में कोई परिवर्तन लाने पर विचार कर रहे है नाकि इस फोर्स को ज्यादा मजबूत बनाया जा सके ?

श्री मुहम्मद काफ़ी कुरेकी: जो हा।
रेलवे मिनिस्टर साहब ने हाल ही में
अपने बजट के जवाब में यह फरमाया था
कि रेलवे प्रोटवणन फोर्म की एक मजबूत फोर्म
बनाने के लिए उनको ज्यादा पावर्म दी जायेगी।
अभी तक ये सिर्फ रेलवे जायदाद क महाफिज थे, प्रामीक्यूणन नहीं कर सकते थे, अब इन को पुलिस के अख्नियार दिये जायेगे जिससे इनका काम ज्यादा अच्छा
और मजबूनी से ही सकेगा।

shri N. K. P. Salve: There is a steep increase in the expenditure on the Railway Protection Force. In the last year it went from Rs. 15 ctores to 19 crores. Nobody can deny the validity of the demand of the Railway Minister that the Railway Protection Force should be given large power in respect of prosecutions, etc. May I know from the Minister whether he is aware that most of the wagon breaking pilterages and the thefts which go on are because of the collusion of the Railway Procetton Force with

pecple? Can he give u_S some idea whether with thi_S increase in the Railway Protection Force there has been any proportionate decrease in $th_{\tilde{\mathcal{C}}}$ claim_S on account of pilferage?

SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI: This is not correct to say that a large number of RPF people are involved in thefts and pilferages. There have been some cases, but the number is not very big. Hardly 300 to 400 cases have been detected so far

So far as the other question of an increase in the expenditure on the RPF since 1974-75 is concerned, I may state that there have been on Account Payments made to RPF and six instalments of D.A. were given to staff during the said year. One Battalion of Railway Protection Force has been returned from Assam to Railways on 10-3-1974. Therefore, there has been some rise in the expenditure.

The number of claims has come down considerably in terms of payment altheigh prices of certain commodities hove gone up. There is a little difference in amount also. The payment is less the number of cases is much less as compared to the previous year.

भी डी० एन० तिवारी: दां तीन वर्ष पहले रेलवे प्रोटेक्शन फोर्स में बड़ो गडबड़ी थी। वाद में उसको रीम्रागंनाइज विया गया, मैं जानना चाहता हू कि उस रीम्रागंनिजेशन में उसमें कितना इम्प्रव-मेन्ट हुमा। क्या उस इम्प्रवमेन्ट से रेलवे की फिजा पर कोई म्रसर पड़ा?

श्री मुह्म का का कुरेकी : सिर्फ रेलवे प्रोटेक्शन फोर्म में ही गड़बड़ नहीं थीं. दो तीन सार पहले तो मुल्क में गड़बड़ का वानावरण था और उसका ग्रसर रेलवे प्रोटेक्शकन फोर्स पर भी पड़ा, लेकिन उसके बाद जो सुधार लाये गये उनका काफी अच्छा ग्रसर पड़ा है और जिन मजीद मुधारों को मिनिस्टर साहब ने एलान किया हं, उनका काफी ग्रच्छा ग्रसर पड़ने की उम्मीद है। श्री राम सहाय पांडे : कल माननीय विपाठी जी ने राज्य सभा में बतनाया था कि मुगल भराय चोरी का ग्रह्डा बनाया गया है, चोरों के लिए पैराडाइज बन गया है। उन्होंने यह भी बनलाया था कि वहा पर बहुत जबरदस्त कोयले की चोरी होती है। मै जानना चाहना हूं कि कोयले की चोरी कैम होती है...

श्राच्यक्ष महोदय यह श्राप्त पीक एफ का सवाल है. चोरी का सवाल नही है।

श्री राम सहाय पाँडे : जो कोयले का पिल्फरेज वहा होता है, उसकी रोक-थाम के लिए ग्राप क्या कर रहे है ?

ग्रध्यक्ष महोदय: इस सवाल का जवाव न दिया जाय। ग्रार० पी० एफ० चोरी नहीं करता है। कोयले की चोरी के बारे में ग्राप ग्रलग से सवाल पूछे।

SHRI II M. PATEL. Since it is a fact that the Railway Protection Force ifself is at times involved in these malpractices, we have also to ensure that it functions honestly and efficiently, has the Railways got some kind of mobile inspection force to see that the RPF & Security force function properly and are carrying on their duties efficiently?

SHR1 MOHD SHAFI QURESHI: Every force which is there to protect the railway property or the security force is being examined by the senior officers and there is a regular watch kept by the senior officers on the functioning of this force.

Strategy for Oil Exploration

*207. SHRI RAGHUNANDAN LAL BHATIA: Will the Minister of PETRO-LEUM be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is considering a long term strategy for oil exploration;