

them to look into it.

श्री बिभूति मिश्र : आप नैपाल की सरहद से दो मील हट कर बराज बना रहे हैं, यदि आप नैपाल की सरहद के कुछ नजदीक आ कर बराज बनायें तो पानी ज्यादा आयेगा। दूसरी बात—दो सालों की बारिश के बाद बाघमती नदी का कोर्स बदल गया है, जो बाघमती नदी ढाका-पताही धाने के कुछ हिस्से के नजदीक बहती थी, वह अब पूरे चार मील दूर चली गई है। क्या सरकार ऐसा सोच रही है कि बाघमती बांध ऊपर बनाया जाय ताकि दोनों तरफ से पानी को रोका जा सके जिसे कि इस के अन्दर का एरिया फलड-इफैक्टेड न हो और इरिगेशन का काम हो सके ?

DR. K.L. RAO : That is what I submitted. The barrage is now two miles downstream of the railway line. Now, what the hon. Member and others really want is that they should build it above the Railway line so that it can command more land.

SHRI BIBHUTI MISHRA : Yes.

DR. K.L. RAO : The only unfortunate thing is that as I have explained in reply to the hon. Member that if you shift the barrage higher up, it will increase the level of the water in the Nepal territory. So, we have got to take their permission and to deal with another country is always very difficult unless the question is absolutely necessary. So, I have asked the Bihar Government again to consider whether they think that the barrage should be shifted higher up to feed more area. But, their first reaction was that there is no water in Bhagmati to give more water for more land. So, they want to stick to the present position. Any way, I have asked them to review it again.

श्री जोगेन्द्र झा : अध्यक्ष महोदय, जैसा अभी ज्ञात हुआ है, यह पहले से मालूम है कि बाघमती और अछवारा गिरोह की नदियों की यह स्थिति है कि उन की धारायें बदलती रहती हैं, इसी लिये बाढ़ नियन्त्रण और सह-सिंचाई योजना पर सरकार पहले से चलती आ रही है, मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या मंत्री महोदय इस बाघमती परियोजना और पूरे अछवारा गिरोह की नदियों की परियोजना को बाढ़-नियन्त्रण और सह-

सिंचाई परियोजना के रूप में लेने का प्रयत्न कर रहे हैं ? इस का पानी नैपाल की तरफ न निकल जाय, क्या इस के लिये भी नैपाल सरकार से बातचीत हो रही है ताकि इस पानी को घेरा जा सके ?

DR. K.L. RAO : It is quite true that these rivers come from Nepal. They spill over the Nepal territory. Many times we have asked the permission of the Nepal Government for constructing the dam. In case of Bhagmati also we have been in correspondence with the Nepal Government. But they have not given the permission yet. But we have got to pursue this from time to time.

Profit earned by Rajdhani Express

*194. **SHRI MADHURYYA HALDAR :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the net profit earned by Rajdhani Express for 1970-71; and

(b) the net profit to be earned by Rajdhani Express this year after the fare-rise ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) and (b) Sir, it is not possible to work out the net profit from this train as accounts of expenses are not maintained for individual trains. Only the direct expenses for running the Rajdhani Express including the cost of fuel, crew, train staff, interest and depreciation charges on rolling stock, etc. and excluding the cost of catering service have been estimated. The earnings from this train exceeded the direct costs by about Rs. 44.84 lakhs in 1970-71 and about Rs. 11.92 lakhs in July, August and September 1971 after the increase in fares from 1st July.

SHRI MADHURYYA HALDAR : If the Minister cannot say whether actually it is running on a profit or not...

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE : He should be in a position to say.

SHRI MADHURYYA HALDAR : ...but he should have collected some information in this regard.

Further, may I ask whether he or his Ministry has under consideration any proposal to connect other big cities with Delhi by similar trains or not?

SHRI K. HANUMANTHAIYA : The hon. Member made the observation that we should collect the information. It is impossible. I have given the direct cost of the train. The Station Masters' pay and the track maintenance expenses, etc. cannot be calculated in terms of one train alone. Therefore, it is not a practical proposition.

Regarding the other suggestion of the hon. Member that trains should run between the national capital and the State capitals, I am also of that view and one by one we are implementing that idea.

SHRI MADHURYA HALDAR : Is there any difference between the Minister and the Members of the Railway Board regarding the stoppages of the Rajdhani Express ?

MR. SPEAKER : This is a question about net profits.

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE : Profit is connected with the stoppage; the more the stoppages the more the profits.

श्री नवल किशोर शर्मा : अध्यक्ष जी, मैं आपके माध्यम से रेल मंत्री महोदय से जानना चाहूंगा कि दिल्ली और अहमदाबाद के बीच में राजधानी एक्सप्रेस चलाने की जो योजना थी...

अध्यक्ष महोदय : यह सवाल तो नेट प्रॉफिट्स के बारे में है ।

श्री नवल किशोर शर्मा : इस सवाल से यह पैदा होता है ।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : पैदा तो हर बात हो सकती है दुनिया में लेकिन खाहम-खाह क्यों पैदा कर लें ।

PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR : Will the Railway Minister be pleased to state that as there is a slab system in the Rajdhani Express, will it not be possible to increase it ? It is a slab system which is

there, that is, Rs. 95 for ordinary and Rs. 300 for the other class. Is it not possible to increase the rates ?

MR. SPEAKER : This is a General question. Here the question is about assessment of profits of Rajdhani Express. It does not arise out of this. I am sorry I cannot allow it.

IMPEC'S Agreement with American Film Companies for Exchange of Films

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*196. **SHRI VAYALAR RAVI :**
SHRI AJIT KUMAR SAHA :
SHRI HARI SINGH :

Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the IMPEC has refused to enter into an agreement with American Film Companies to exchange the films;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by Government for export of Indian films ?

THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI L.N. MISHRA) : (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Besides participation in the International Film Festival and holding of Indian Film Weeks abroad, a consortium of prominent producers has been formed for intensive export efforts in Malaysia and Singapore. A subtitling plant is being installed by the Indian Motion Pictures Export Corporation. Overseas offices of the STC are rendering on the spot facilities to Indian Motion Pictures Export Corporation for promotion of exports in their regions.

SHRI VAYALAR RAVI : I want to know from the Minister how many Bangali Tamil, Telugu, Kannada and Malayalam films have been sent for these festivals. Will the Minister be able to enquire into