उत्तर दिया कि टाइप हाई नम्बरिंग मशीन जो लगाते हैं उसमें कभी नम्बर जाम हो जाता है तो वही नम्बर अनेक बार छप जाते है। इसलिए सम्भव हो सकता है कि जिस नम्बर को माननीय सदस्य रेफर कर रहे हैं वह एक बार से अधिक छप गया हो।...(व्यवधान)...

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी : इसमें एक नम्बर का सवाल नहीं है, हजारों नम्बर ऐसे हैं जोकि 12 हजार से लेकर 20 हजार तक हैं तो ये नम्बर कैसे आये—क्या फिर से इसकी जांच करायेंगे ?

श्री नीतिराज सिंह चौधरी : जांच चालू है। कन्ट्रोलर आफ प्रिंटिंग, चन्डीगढ़ इसकी जांच कर रहे हैं।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : क्वेश्चन आवर खत्म हो गया।

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Rise in price of bricks due to Coal shortage

*190. SHRI PROBODH CHANDRA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS (RAIL MANTRI) be pleased to state :

(a) whether he is aware that because of the non-availability of wagons for coal distribution, there is an acute shortage of coal, specially the coal used in the brick kilns resulting in large scale unemployment and rise in price of the bricks ; and

(b) the steps proposed to be taken by Government to remedy this situation ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (RAIL MANTRI) (SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) There has been a general drop in coal loading from Bengal and Bihar fields during 1970-71 as compared to the previous year. This Ministry is not, however, aware of any large scale unemployment and the rise in price of bricks or the reasons thereof.

(b) The Railways have all the resources to meet the existing demands of coal transport from Bengal and Bihar fields. The drop in the supply of wagons has, mainly been on account of the poor law and order conditions and such miscreant activities as large scale thefts of wagon fittings, over head traction wires, telecommunication cables, track materials etc. victimisation of passenger and goods trains. assaults and murders of Railway staff, lightning and prolonged strikes by Railway staff, looting and arson of railway property at stations and offices, bomb attacks at stations, yards and colonies, bundhs hartals and other stoppages of work paralysing railway operation, and many other such anti-social activities.

On their part, the railways have strengthened their own Protection Force in the area to the maximum extent possible. Closest possible coordination is being maintained by the Railway authorities at all levels with the State Government of West Bengal to enable them to deal with such activities effectively. They have been requested at the highest level to take firm and effective steps to restore normalcy in railway working in the area. Recently, the situation was also reviewed at a specially convened meeting by the Rail Mantri with State and Central Ministers concerned. There has, however, been no improvement in the situation so far.

रेलवे बोर्ड द्वारा व्यक्तियों और संस्थाओं को निःशुल्क पास दिये जाना

*191. **श्री रामावतार शास्त्री :** क्या रेल मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि रेलवे बोर्ड ने पहले, दूसरे और तीसरे दर्जों में यात्रा करने के लिये कुछ व्यक्तियों और संस्थाओं को निःशुल्क पास दिये थे ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो ये व्यक्ति और संस्थायें किस श्रेणी के हैं तथा उन्हें किस-किस दर्जे के लिये निःशुल्क पास दिये गये थे ;

(ग) इसके परिणामस्वरूप सरकार को प्रतिवर्ष कितना घाटा होता है ; और

(घ) ऐसे पास दिये जाने का क्या औचित्य है ?

रेल मंत्री (श्री हनुमन्तैया) : (क) जी हां।