

LOK SABHA DEBATES

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Tuesday, July 24, 1973/Sravana 2,
1895 (Saka)

The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of
the Clock

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair].

MEMBER SWORN

SHRI K. MAYA THEVAR (Dindigul)

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Proposal for running an Express train from Barauni to Delhi

*21. SHRI R. K. SINHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the heavy traffic on Banaras-Barabanki route, a proposal to run an Express train from Barauni to Delhi via Banaras-Jaunpur Faizabad-Barabanki is under the consideration of Government; and

(b) if so, when a final decision is likely to be taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI L. N. MISHRA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

SHRI R. K. SINHA: The very first question has started very inauspiciously from our dynamic Minister. He is on record that backward areas should be given great concession. In Uttar Pradesh, there is a royal route via Kanpur, Allahabad and Banaras through which many express trains pass. Thousands of representations have been sent to his Ministry that an express train may be run

via Banaras-Jaunpur-Faizabad-Barabanki so that the people of eastern U.P. may be benefited from it. Will the Minister examine any one of these possibilities and extend 83 UP or 29 UP?

SHRI L. N. MISHRA: I have gone through the suggestion very carefully. I have every desire to accommodate the wishes of the hon. Member, but I would request him to wait for some time. We are visualising this line. At the moment diesel engines are not available. Fast trains will be introduced, but at the moment the track conditions in the area are not suitable for fast trains. That is the main reason why I had to say 'no'.

SHRI R. K. SINHA: Will the hon. Minister give it top priority in his future planning?

SHRI L. N. MISHRA: I have said so. As soon as the track conditions are good, we will do so.

श्री इसहाक सम्भली : क्या सरकार बताने की मेहरबानी करेगी कि फैजाबाद, बनारस और बाराबंकी, इस इलाके में चूँकि ट्रेनों की बहुत कमी है और बारंबार वहाँ से मुतालबा किया गया है कि बहुत बड़ी तादाद में यहाँ के लोग बम्बई में या ईस्ट में बरौनी में रहते हैं इसलिए मांग की गई है कि वहाँ ऐसी दो गाड़ियां चलायी जाएँ जिससे कि बम्बई को लोग आसानी से या ना मक्के और दूरी तरफ बरौनी और ईस्ट साइड तक आ जा सकें, क्या सरकार को ऐसे प्रोजेक्शन मिले हैं? यदि हाँ, तो उस बारे में सरकार का क्या विचार है ?

श्री एल० एन० मिश्र : यह सही है कि लोगों की ऐसी मांग है कि फैजाबाद, बरौनी और समस्तीपुर की तरफ से सीधी गाड़ी