

Under the 20-Point Programme, it was said that bonded labour had been completely eliminated. But if you see the Railways, you will find that bonded labour is still existing there. I can quote certain instances. The Railway officers employ certain railway employees as cooks and butlers for themselves who work as bonded labour.

Coming to uniforms, once I asked a Ticket Inspector as to why he is not wearing the uniform. He told me that the uniform supplied to him is of 32" whereas his chest is 42" and that is the reason why he is not wearing it. A uniform meant for our Railway Minister will not suit our friend, Shri Piloo Mody.

Every Year we purchase stores to the tune of Rs. 500 crores. Some are big items and some are small items and some are imported. They purchase stores more than the actual requirement. It is my humble request to the Railway Minister to reduce this amount from Rs. 500 crores to 100 or 200 crores.

Now about the loading of wagons. The merchants have an understanding with the railway officials and they load the wagons beyond their capacities. In addition to our not getting additional income, we also see that the unscrupulous officers and merchants join together and deprive funds due to the Railways.

Finally, I would request the hon. Railway Minister through the Speaker to take necessary steps to ensuring proper administration in the Railways. Then only can we have good relations between the railways and its employees.

12.35 hrs.

PANEL OF CHAIRMEN

MR. SPEAKER: I have to inform the House that under Rule 9 of the

Rules of Procedure, I have nominated the following Members as Members of the Panel of Chairmen:

- (1) Shri Dhirendranath Basu
- (2) Shri Tridib Chaudhuri
- (3) Miss Abha Maiti
- (4) Shri S. D. Patil
- (5) Shri M. Satyanarayan Rao
- (6) Shri Dwarika Nath Tiwari

12.36 hrs.

RAILWAY BUDGET, 1977-78 AND DEMANDS FOR GRANTS ON AC- COUNT (RAILWAYS), 1977-78— Contd.

MR. SPEAKER: It is now 12.30 p.m. Only 25 minutes are left for lunch. Mr. D. N. Tiwari and Mr. Kalyanasundaram may now speak. I would then call the Minister to reply. I know I have a large bundle of names. I would request the hon. Members to take their chance on some other occasion, like the debate on the President's Address. (Interruptions) I have to face over 500 Members. It will be very difficult for me. I will be very happy to call you all if there is time. (Interruptions) I know that; if the hon. Members want, we can speak today and tomorrow also. I thought 2 hours would be enough. I have no objection. What does it matter to the Speaker? I have called Mr. Tiwari now.

श्री द्वारिकानाथ तिवारी (गोपालगंज) :
अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं सब से पहले रेलवे मंत्री का स्वागत करता हूँ—इतने दिनों की वीरान जिदगी के बाद उन्हें मौका मिला है कि सरकारी बैंच पर बैठ कर देश के लिये कुछ कर सकें। वे स्वयं सोशलिस्ट हैं और मैं उम्मीद करता हूँ कि अपने रेलवे प्रशासन के कामों में भी वे अपने नियमों और अपने आदेशों का पालन करेंगे। मैं इस बात को जानता हूँ और अनुभव भी