

खेती की पैदावार के बिना नहीं रह सकते हैं। मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि हमारी सरकार जो शक्ति इत्र लगा रही है वह वस बर्ष तक द्रुम बेल लगाने और बिजली बगैरह देने में क्यों खर्च नहीं करती है? क्या सरकार का इरादा ऐसा करने का है?

श्री एफ० ए० ब्रह्मचर : भानुबल मेम्बर ने बिल्कुल ठीक कहा है कि हमारी कोशिश होनी चाहिये कि सब से पहले हम किसी तरह से खेती को बढ़ायें और खेती को बढ़ाने के लिये जिन चीजों की जरूरत होती है उनको मुहैया करें और उस को हम जरूर मुहैया करेंगे। लेकिन इस के साथ साथ जो छोटे बड़े काम और हो सकते हैं उन्हें भी हम करते चल सकते हैं।

Shri Tenneti Viswanatham: Talking about the extension of television facilities, the hon. Minister mentioned some centres; he has not mentioned Hyderabad. Is it deliberate?

Shri Bhanu Prakash Singh: The other stations which are under consideration are: Bombay, Calcutta, Madras and Kanpur. To begin with, I shall pass on the hon. Member's suggestion to the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting to keep Hyderabad also in mind.

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श्री क० ना० तिवारी :

क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पूर्वोत्तर रेलवे पर यात्रियों के लिये की गई सुविधायें अन्य रेलों की तुलना में बहुत कम हैं; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस भेद-भाव के क्या कारण हैं ?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poonacha): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

श्री विभूति मिश्र : नार्थ ईस्टर्न रेलवे का नाम पहले बी०एन० डब्ल्यू० रेलवे हुआ करता था। जब धरोजों का राज्य था तब भाड़ा दो पैसा था। ईस्टर्न रेलवे जो बड़ी लाइन की है वहां भाड़ा डई पैसा था। अब दोनों का भाड़ा एक समान कर दिया गया है। अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं आप से दरखास्त करता हूँ कि दोनों गाड़ियों के फर्स्ट सीकंड और थर्ड क्लास में आप चढ़ कर देख लें तब आप को पता चल जायेगा कि दोनों में कितना अन्तर है, जहां तक सुविधाओं का सम्बन्ध है, भाड़ा एक ही है। मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या सरकार इस कमी को पूरा करने का प्रयत्न करेगी ?

Shri C. M. Poonacha: We have to provide what we call the basic facilities at all the railway stations and then special amenities also are to be provided. So far as the basic amenities are concerned, almost all the stations in the Northeastern Railway have been fully served. So far as the special amenities are concerned, we have now been spending progressively a much larger percentage in this area to bring the standards of amenities available in that sector as comparable as possible with other areas.

श्री विभूति मिश्र : दोनों के लिये भाड़ा एक ही है। दोनों पर एक समान पैसा तब खर्च क्यों नहीं किया जाता है? एक आप के दो बेटे हों तो ऐसा तो नहीं होना चाहिये कि एक के साथ अच्छा और दूसरे के साथ बुरा बरताव किया जाय।

Shri C. M. Poonacha: In fact, a little more is being spent; nothing less.

श्री विभूति मिश्र : बड़ी लाइन पर फर्स्ट, सीकंड और थर्ड क्लास में लाइट है पढ़ने के लिये। उस में लाइट रहती है, उसके पाखाने में पानी रहता है और गद्दे भी रहते हैं और सफाई भी रहती है। नार्थ-ईस्टर्न रेलवे की हालत यह है कि न तो सफाई रहती है, न पानी रहता है। फर्स्ट क्लास

तक में गढ़ा भी नहीं रहता है। उसकी खिड़कियां बहुत ही खतराक हालत में रहती हैं और टूटी फूटी रहती हैं। उनके जरिये पोर घुस जाते हैं। मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि ये जो कमियां हैं उनको दूर करने के लिये सरकार क्या कर रही है ?

Shri C. M. Poonacha: There are the passenger amenities committees attached to every railway, and we generally go by their recommendations. They are continuously at this question of removing to the maximum extent the inconvenience to passengers and improving the amenities; they are permanent bodies which are continuously advising, and with their advice we have been spending the money; if I can give some figures, during the three Plan periods, we have spent about Rs. 42 crores on passenger amenities and in this sector alone it is nearly Rs. 5 crores; that is as high a figure as 11 per cent. During the year 1966-67 and 1967-68; we have

Shri E. K. Nayanar: Let us know the specific facilities which are given; not the amount.

Mr. Speaker: Let him answer that question.

Shri C. M. Poonacha: Here is a big list; I would place it on the Table of the House for its information. I do not think I have enough time to read it out.

श्री क० ना० तिवारी : क्या मंत्री महोदय को मालूम है कि नार्थ ईस्टर्न रेलवे पर गरीब आदमी सफर करते हैं और खास तौर पर यह उन इलाकों में से हो कर गुजरती है जहां बहुत गरीब लोग रहते हैं? इस रेलवे पर दही बूड़ा भूजा सत्तू आदि इन गरीब लोगों को खाने के लिये मिल सकें इसकी प्रतिकोई व्यवस्था करने की बात सरकार सोच रही है? क्या इनकी बिक्री का भी इंतजाम है या नहीं है और यदि नहीं है तो इनका इंतजाम सरकार करेगी ?

Shri C. M. Poonacha: Attention is also being given to the catering side as well as the amenities side.

श्री शिव चन्द्र झा : मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि एम० ई० धार० में मधुबनी स्टेशन पर क्या पानी का इंतजाम है और क्या शौचालय में सफाई का इंतजाम है ? सकरी स्टेशन पर पीने के पानी की बात तो दूर रही शौचालय तक में पानी नहीं होता है। मैंने स्टेशन मास्टर से बात की है। उसने मुझे बताया है कि एक ही मेहतर है और उसी को सब कुछ करना पड़ता है और उसको और धादमी चाहिये। मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि ये जो बातें हैं क्या इनकी तरफ ध्यान गया है, यदि गया है तो धापने क्या किया है ?

Shri C. M. Poonacha: We have as many as 618 stations in this railway. If the hon. member puts a specific question, I will try to collect the information.

Shri M. Y. Saleem: In view of the fact that sleeping accommodation is not available in second class in all the railways, is the Government thinking of introducing sleeping accommodation for second class passengers in all the railways?

Shri C. M. Poonacha: The hon. member would be knowing that second class passengers are entitled only to sitting accommodation. To the extent possible, sleeping berths are available, but they are all subject to the number of passengers travelling on a particular day in a particular train with second-class tickets.

श्री रामबाबुलार शास्त्री : क्या यह सही है कि समस्तीपुर से खगड़िया रेलवे स्टेशन के बीच में फस्ट क्लास के डिब्बे नहीं लगाये जाते हैं? यदि हां तो क्या यह सही नहीं है कि इससे यात्रियों को बहुत असुविधा होती है? मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि इसका कारण क्या है ?

Shri C. M. Poonacha: This relates to another station Samastipur. If a separate question is put, I will try to collect the information.

की संश्लेषण प्रस्ताव : क्या मंत्री महोदय यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि इलाहाबाद से जो ट्रेन कटिहार योगबानी को जाती है उस को क्या मार्च लखीसराय तक एक्सटेंड करने का विचार है ताकि हमारे यहां से जो मिलिटरी और लेबर उधर जाती है और जिस को कटिहार में दो दो दिन और तीन तीन दिन रुकना पड़ता है रुकना न पड़े और उसको सुविधा हो ?

Shri C. M. Poonacha: It is a question of extending the train. It does not come under this.

Shri A. B. Vajpayee: Is it not a fact that many railway stations in the Northern Railway do not have any waiting hall and if so, does the hon. minister regard the construction of a waiting hall a basic amenity or not?

Shri C. M. Poonacha: The basic amenities are enumerated. Waiting rooms come under special amenities. I have a list of such amenities. If the hon. member, wants any information with regard to any particular station, I am prepared to furnish it.

Shri A. B. Vajpayee: I am a member of the Railway Users' Consultative Committee attached to this railway. I know in many railway stations there is no place for the passengers to sit or wait during the summer.

Shri C. M. Poonacha: If he can kindly point out any particular stations, I will certainly have the matter examined and see what best could be done.

Mr. Speaker: He himself has said that it is not a basic amenity.

Shri C. M. Poonacha: This does not come under basic amenities, but under special amenities which are made

available keeping in view the number of passengers at every point.

Shri S. Kandappan: The whole trouble with these railway amenities—basic or special—is that the amenities provided on paper are not apparent on the platform. I would like to know what effective steps Government propose to take to see that the amenities are available in practice?

Shri C. M. Poonacha: We have a programme to provide the amenities in all stations. In the entire railway system we have about 7000 and odd stations. In about 5600 stations we have been able to provide amenities on a progressive programme. That is being done and further more is likely to be done. I do not know what particular question he is asking.

Shri S. Kandappan: I can give instances. There are taps and fans that are not running. Latrines which are not cleaned, etc. Small things like that are not attended to. What steps do they propose to take to rectify these things?

Mr. Speaker: That is the duty of the railway employees. What action is taken against them?

Shri S. Kandappan: Nobody attends to these complaints.

Shri C. M. Poonacha: This refers to the maintenance of cleanliness in running trains. We have made enough arrangements for that and they are constantly being supervised by a set of officers. The best under the circumstances could be done. Here, we also seek the cooperation of the travelling public.

Shri B. R. Kavade: Is it a fact that passenger trains run late because preference is given to goods trains; if so, may I know what steps are being taken to see that passenger trains run in right time?

Shri C. M. Poonacha: Normally, every passenger train has priority over

goods trains, but for operational reasons and other difficulties it may be that some passenger trains might have been helped up in some section or other.

Shri Jyotirmoy Basu: Will the hon. Minister tell us what percentage of annual revenue at a particular station is allotted to be spent on passenger amenities at that station?

Shri C. M. Poonacha: This goes according to a programme of meeting the requirements. Wherever amenities are not available more amount should be spent. Such of the areas as do enjoy certain amenities would not be getting that priority. That is to say, it is not done percentage-wise but according to needs and requirements.

Shri Jyotirmoy Basu: So it is done arbitrarily.

Shri A. V. Patil: Do Government consider announcement in Kannada as an amenity to passengers at stations where the language is not known?

Shri C. M. Poonacha: This Question refers to North-Eastern Railways. The hon. Member is referring to some other railway.

Shri Dattatraya Kunte: What is the method of gauging the necessity for special amenities?

Shri C. M. Poonacha: As I have submitted earlier, there is a Committee. They make recommendations and on the basis of such recommendations programmes of work are undertaken.

Shri Dattatraya Kunte: Is the Committee given any guidance with regard to gauging of the necessity for special amenities?

Some hon. Members rose—

Mr. Speaker: Shri M. R. Krishna.

Shri M. R. Krishna: May I know whether under 'special amenities' water is a'so one of the items? May I also know whether the Railway Board has decided upon any time

limit within which you will be able to provide water in all the third-class compartments in the entire railways?

Shri C. M. Poonacha: This amenity is a basic amenity. I wonder whether the hon. Member is asking about drinking water?

Shri M. R. Krishna: Yes.

Shri C. M. Poonacha: Drinking water arrangements are made at every station.

Shri S. Kundu: Is the hon. Minister aware that the students who take to travel have to face a lot of trouble at big stations where they have to wait for hours together to catch the next train? There these students and also third class passengers face a lot of difficulties for want of good lavatory and bathrooms arrangements and also cheap canteens. I would like to know whether the hon. Minister would consider the suggestion that in all big stations more lavatories, more bathroom facilities and subsidised canteens for students and the youth of this country have to be provided within a course of about one year?

Shri C. M. Poonacha: We would keep this suggestion in view and taking into consideration the resources available we will try to do our best.

श्री गुजालन्ब छापुर : क्या सरकार को ज्ञात है कि सानसी और सहस्ता के बीच में बहुत से रेलवे स्टेशनों पर फर्स्ट क्लास वेटिंग रूम नहीं है; छ: बोगीज की गाड़ी जाती है जब कि नौ बोगीज की गाड़ी जानी चाहिये सैंकिङ क्लास का कोई कम्पार्टमेंट नहीं रहता है जिस से बड़ी असुविधा होती है और फ्रा-सिंग कोपड़िया स्टेशन पर होना चाहिये जब कि वह दूसरी जगह है; यदि हां तो सरकार इस सम्बन्ध में क्या कार्यवाही करने जा रही है ?

Shri C. M. Poonacha: I would look into this matter.