

being evolved to assess such damage but the cost will of course be an important consideration.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: May I know whether Government contemplate taking any action to control plant diseases?

Shri Karmarkar: As I said, a detailed scheme is under consideration; obviously, it will be a matter of cost.

COWDUNG

*233. **Shri M. L. Dwivedi:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to conduct research into the possibilities of preparing cooking gas and fertiliser out of cowdung as suggested by the Engineering Department of the U.S. Government; and

(b) if so, with what results?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Karmarkar): (a) I am not aware that Engineering Department of the U.S. Government has made any suggestions about this. Research on the subject has been conducted at the Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi, since 1940.

(b) The results of the experiments conducted with a simple demonstration plant show that cow-dung produced by 4 or 5 animals (about 130-150 lbs. daily) will yield about 70-80 cubic feet of combustible gas per day. The residual material does not lose the manurial value and also produces annually about 3 tons of dried sludge containing about 1.5 per cent. nitrogen. The gas is sufficient to meet the daily cooking requirements of an average family.

The question of setting up and operating a bigger plant at the Institute for testing the economics of gas production is under consideration.

श्री ऐम० ऐल० द्विवेदी : क्या माननीय वंत्री महोदय यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि एक ऐसा प्लांट लगाने में क्या खर्च पड़ेगा और क्या आर्थिक दृष्टि से यह ठीक होगा ?

[**Shri M. L. Dwivedi:** Will the hon. Minister be pleased to state the cost of installation of such a plant, and also

whether it would be feasible from the financial point of view?]

Shri Karmarkar: Yes, Sir, we have, for instance a gas plant evolved by Mr. A. V. Joshi and Co. of Poona. The prices were fixed by the firm at Rs. 1,200 and Rs. 1,800 respectively for gas plants for a family of 2 and 4 persons respectively.

श्री ऐम० ऐल० द्विवेदी : क्या माननीय मंत्री महोदय बतलायेंगे कि दिल्ली से १२ मील के फासले पर एक ऐसा प्लांट लगाया गया है या लगाया जा रहा है ? और अगर लगाया गया है तो उस का क्या उपयोग हो रहा है ?

[**Shri M. L. Dwivedi:** Will the hon. Minister be pleased to state whether it is a fact that a plant has been installed or is being installed at a place which is at a distance of about 12 miles from Delhi? If so, for what purpose is it being used at present?]

Shri Karmarkar: So far as I know an experimental plant is being completed by the manufacturers at Shamilpur, in the Delhi State, for testing it under field conditions.

NEW DELHI RAILWAY STATION

*234. **Shri M. L. Dwivedi:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether any decision has been taken to remodel the Railway station of New Delhi; and

(b) if so, when the proposal is likely to materialise?

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri): (a) Yes.

(b) The work is proposed to be taken in hand shortly and it will be completed during 1953-54.

श्री ऐम० ऐल० द्विवेदी : क्या माननीय मंत्री महोदय बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि इस नयी दिल्ली स्टेशन के रिमाडल करने का कितना व्यय होगा ?

[**Shri M. L. Dwivedi:** Will the hon. Minister be pleased to state what would be the cost of remodelling of the New Delhi Railway Station?]

श्री लाल बहादुर शास्त्री : करीब ५१ लाख ।

[Shri L. B. Shastri: About Rupees 51 lakhs.]

श्री एम० ऐल० द्विवेदी : इस रेलवे स्टेशन के बनने के बाद मुसाफ़िरों को कौन कौन सी सुविधाएं दी जाएंगी, विशेषकर तीसरे दरजे के मुसाफ़िरों को ?

[Shri M. L. Dwivedi: After the Railway Station is ready for use what sort of amenities would be available to the passengers, more especially to the passengers of the third class?]

श्री लाल बहादुर शास्त्री : सब तरह की सुविधाएं जो कि सम्भव हैं और जो ऐसे स्टेशनों पर आजकल नहीं हैं उन को देने का इरादा है, खास तौर पर थर्ड क्लास के मुसाफ़िरों के लिये पैसेंजर शैड्स और वेटिंग हाल्स बनेंगे। माननीय मंत्री जानते हैं कि थर्ड क्लास के मुसाफ़िरों को काफ़ी दिक्कतें होती हैं। उन दिक्कतों को दूर करने के लिये वेटिंग हाल बनेंगे और लैवेटरीज़ बग़ैरह भी काफ़ी अच्छे ढंग की बनायी जाएंगी। इस के अलावा खास तौर पर जो बाहर के हमारे यहां टूरिस्ट्स बग़ैरह आते हैं उन के लिये दिल्ली स्टेशन काफ़ी तकलीफ़देह है। उन के लिये से भी खास इन्तज़ाम इस में किया जायगा। और इस बात का खास तौर पर ध्यान रखा जायगा कि थर्ड क्लास के और इंटर क्लास के मुसाफ़िरों के लिये अच्छे क्रिसम के वेटिंग रूम और दूसरे इन्तज़ामात किन्हे जाय।

[Shri L. B. Shastri: It is intended to provide all possible amenities, such as passenger sheds, waiting halls etc. which are not existing on such stations at present, to the passengers more especially to those of the third class. The hon. Member knows that the passengers who travel in third at present are subjected to lots of difficulties. With a view to remove these difficulties new waiting halls would be constructed and better lavatory facilities etc. would also be provided. Besides that, the tourists from abroad who visit India, have to undergo a number of inconveniences at the Delhi Railway Station. Keeping in

view their difficulties, special arrangements would be made at the new Station. Special attention would be paid to see that passengers travelling in the third or inter class are provided with decent waiting rooms and other facilities.]

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[Shri M. L. Dwivedi: Will the hon. Minister be pleased to state whether the staff employed at the station would be increased after the new station is built; if so, how much expenditure is likely to be incurred on this account?]

श्री लाल बहादुर शास्त्री : अभी इस की पूरी इत्तिला नहीं है और यह कहना भी अभी कठिन है कि कितना खर्चा हमारा बढ़ जायगा। लेकिन बढ़ेगा तो भी बहुत थोड़ा।

[Shri L. B. Shastri: Full information on this point is not available as yet; and it is at present too difficult to say how much our expenditure would increase. But one thing is obvious that it would not increase much.]

सेठ गोविन्द दास : जो ट्रेनें अभी नई दिल्ली स्टेशन पर नहीं आती हैं, खास कर इलाहाबाद की तरफ़ से, तो क्या इस स्टेशन के बनने के बाद सब स्टेशनों से इस स्टेशन पर भी गाड़ियां आयेंगी ?

[Seth Govind Das: Would the trains that are not entering the New Delhi Station at present, especially those from Allahabad side, enter it after the station is remodelled?]

Mr. Speaker: I am afraid he is going into too many details at this stage. Let the station be constructed!

Shri B. S. Murthy: May I know whether retiring rooms will be provided for third class passengers in this station?

Shri L. B. Shastri: I think it will be considered.