

LOK SABHA DEBATES
(Part I—Questions and Answers)

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The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the Clock.

(MR. SPEAKER in the Chair).

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Delhi Suburban Service

*504. **Shri Radha Raman** : Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1324 on the 22nd March, 1955 and state :

(a) whether the construction of railway station near West Patel Nagar, Delhi, is being carried out;

(b) whether there is any proposal to construct more such railway stations in Delhi;

(c) if so, where and when; and

(d) whether they will be part of any bigger scheme of a circular rail service round Delhi ?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (**Shri Shahnawaz Khan**) : (a) The construction is not in hand. But there is a proposal to have a railway station near West Patel Nagar which is expected to mature by July, 1956.

(b) No such definite proposals are under immediate consideration.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The scheme for a circular rail service around Delhi is only in an exploratory stage at present.

Shri Radha Raman : May I know the name of the station which is proposed to be constructed at Patel Nagar, how much it will be cost and by what exact date the Government think it will be in operating condition ?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan : I cannot give the exact cost at present because it depends on the price we will have to pay for land but we hope it will be on to traffic by July next year.

Shri Radha Raman : May I know whether that station will be connected with Vinay Nagar and Lajpat Nagar colonies ?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan : For the time being we have no definite proposals.

Shri Matthen : In the Delhi Transport buses even the name of the place and number everything is written in Hindi. For the benefit of the people who do not know Hindi, may I ask whether at least the numerals will be written in English also ?

Mr. Speaker : That question does not arise out of the main question.

Shri Radha Raman : May I know if the State Government of Delhi has sent in a representation with regard to the early maturity of the circular railway train which is so much needed in Delhi ?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan : As I said in my earlier reply, the idea of having a circular railway in Delhi is still in an exploratory stage. We have, however, asked the General Manager of the Northern Railway to carry out a reconnaissance survey and his estimates are expected shortly.

Deep Sea Fishing Station, Bombay

*505. **Shri Barman** : Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state :

(a) how far the charting of off shore fishing grounds has been completed by the Deep Sea Fishing Station, Bombay;

(b) the extent to which the possibility of deep sea fishing on a commercial scale has been explored so far; and

(c) the quantity of catch since 1952 ?

The Minister of Agriculture (**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh**) : (a) Surveys and charting of over 17,000 square mile within 40-fathom line, off Bombay and Saurashtra coasts have been completed.

(b) Private enterprise is already taking up deep sea fishing on commercial lines.

(c) 1005 tons from 1-1-1952 to 25-5-1955.

Shri Barman : May I know whether as a result of this Central enterprise the number of ordinary fishermen has increased or diminished and whether their condition is better off or worse off ?