

Pandit J. P. Jyotishi rose—

Mr. Speaker: I have already passed on to another question.

Delhi-Mathura Railway Line

*958. **Shri Heda:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) when the doubling of Delhi-Mathura line will be completed;

(b) how many miles have been covered so far; and

(c) whether the target date has already been crossed?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) About June, 1958.

(b) 56 miles, including 13 miles recently opened.

(c) No, the target date is October, 1958.

Shri Heda: Does the hon. Minister mean that only 28 miles have been doubled or have remained out of the total doubling portion between Mathura and Delhi?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: The question was how many miles have been covered so far. I have said, 56 miles including 13 miles recently opened.

Shri Raghunath Singh: How many miles remain to be covered? That is what we want to know.

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: The total length of the line is 87.75 miles.

Shri Heda: May I know whether the work is going on according to schedule or we are lagging behind?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: As I have just submitted, it was programmed to be finished in October 1958. Now, we hope to finish it by June. It is well ahead of schedule.

Mr. Speaker: I would suggest to hon. Members that whenever they get any representations from outsiders not belonging to their own States, they may pass them on to

Members of that State so that supplementaries may be informed. I am not saying that Shri Heda's supplementaries are not informed.

Shri Heda: It directly concerns me; I have to go by this line only.

Shri Raghunath Singh: But, we represent the whole of India.

Mr. Speaker: I agree. Hon. Members leave their own constituencies and go to Cape Comorin. I am aware that we decide here for the whole of India. The difficulty arises like this. It is not merely technical. Some hon. Members put a question regarding another State and then they are not able to follow it up intelligently. When the hon. Minister gives one answer the hon. Member has to keep quiet unless some other hon. Member takes it up. Therefore, as far as questions of purely local significance are concerned, local Members may have an advantage and such questions may therefore, be passed on to them.

Shri Heda: Sir, I am a Member of the Zonal Railway Users' Consultative Committee and I also use this line.

Mr. Speaker: There is no bar to any hon. Member putting any question about any place in India.

Class IV Railway Employees

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{ **Shri Bhakt Darshan:**
 { **Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:**
 { **Shri S. C. Samanta:**
 *960. { **Shri D. C. Sharma:**
 { **Sardar Iqbal Singh:**
 { **Shri Tangamani:**
 { **Shrimati Ila Falchoudhuri:**

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 847 on the 8th December, 1957 and state:

(a) whether the Committee appointed to review channels of promotion of Class IV Railway employees within their own class and to Class III has submitted its report;

(b) if so, what are the main recommendations;