

Remodelling of New Delhi Station

*952. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent up-to-date on the remodelling of New Delhi Station; and

(b) whether the entire project of remodelling of this station has been completed?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) The expenditure booked so far on the remodelling of the New Delhi Station and the Yard is Rs. 28.67 lakhs.

(b) No, Sir. The final phase of the work is expected to be completed by about December, 1958.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know how far this remodelling of the railway station will reduce congestion in goods and passenger traffic?

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: I think passenger amenities have increased considerably and the congestion in New Delhi station has been relieved to a considerable extent. So far as the goods traffic is concerned, the yard programme is in three phases. Phases 1 and 2 have been completed. Phase 3 is yet to be completed and if that is also completed, the goods traffic will be handled with better facility.

Shri Shree Narayan Das: The hon. Minister has said that the remodelling has not yet been completed. May I know what will be the total expenditure involved if it is to be completed?

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: With regard to yard remodelling, it is in three phases. Phases 1 and 2 have been completed. Phase 3 consists of provision of platform....

Mr. Speaker: He wants to know only the money required.

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: So far as the new station building is concerned, it has been completed at an estimated cost of Rs. 19.95 lakhs. The up-to-date booked expenditure is Rs. 20.54 lakhs.

So far as the yard is concerned, the estimated cost is Rs. 10.69 lakhs. We have spent so far Rs. 8.13 lakhs.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. Deputy Minister was only asked what more money has to be spent to make it complete. These details make us dizzy. Rs. 4 lakhs, Rs. 5 lakhs, etc.—who knows all these details? Next question.

Central Council of Ayurvedic Research

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*953. { **Shri Kodiyam:**
Shri Padam Dev:

Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any final decision with regard to the proposal for establishing a Central Council of Ayurvedic Research;

(b) if so, the nature of the decision; and

(c) the views expressed by various State Governments on the proposal?

The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar): (a) Yes.

(b) and (c). Almost all the State Governments were in favour of the proposal but subsequently the Central Council of Health decided that the development of the indigenous systems of medicine should be left to the individual State Governments. Therefore the establishment of such a Council was not considered necessary for the present.

Shri Kodiyam: The Central Council of Health during the recent meeting held in January this year recommended to the Central Government that research in the indigenous systems of medicine should be encouraged by the Centre. May I know what steps have been taken so far to implement this recommendation?

Shri Karmarkar: The aid that the Central Government gives is towards upgrading Ayurvedic institutions and