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The Lok Sabha met at eleven of the
clock.

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Second Bridge on the Yamuna

- *1815. { Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:
Shri Bhakt Darshan:
Shri Rameshwar Tantia:
Shri D. C. Sharma:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1080 on the 8th December, 1959 and state the further progress made so far in the construction of the second bridge on the Yamuna near Tughlakabad?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): The model experiments for the Second Yamuna Bridge at the Central Water and Power Commission's Hydraulic Research Station, Poona have since been completed and the design is being got out. Arrangements to acquire the land required for this project are in hand.

Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: May I know whether a site has been selected for the construction of this Bridge?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: Yes, Sir. The site near Purana Quila has been found suitable.

Shri Tyagi: May I know whether it is going to be only a railway bridge or it will be a combined rail-cum-road bridge?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: It is going to be only a railway bridge.

श्री भक्त दर्शन: जहां तक मुझे याद है गन् १९५५ से इस बारे में चर्चा है, ता आखिर कब तक फैसला होगा और कब तक यह पुल बन जायेगा, कुछ उम्मीद दिलाई जा सकती है?

श्री शाहनवाज खां: फैसला तय हो चुका है। जब बड़ी दरयाओं पर पुल बनाये जाते हैं तो उनके लिये पहले कुछ तजुबे करने पड़ते हैं, और इसमें वक्त लगता है। रिसर्च स्टेशन वगैरह बनाने पड़ते हैं। वह सब काम मुकम्मल हो चुका है। जो जमीन चाहिये वह भी ले ली गई है और उम्मीद है कि काम जल्दी शुरू हो जायेगा।

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know how many villages will be displaced on account of the construction of this bridge and how much land will be acquired for the construction of this bridge?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: No villages will be displaced. As regards the other part of the question, that is, the exact area of land to be acquired, I shall require a separate notice.

Shri C. D. Pande: When this proposal was before the Government there was an idea that it will be a road-cum-rail bridge. And there is a great necessity for a road bridge in Delhi. Will the Government consider that? It will involve only a small expenditure extra and it will be suitable for both purposes.

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: The hon. Member is aware that a separate road bridge is being constructed by the Ministry of Transport.

Shri Tyagi: Initially, the construction of bridges over the Yamuna was considered from the point of view of strategy because in times of difficul-

ties when one road may be too crowded for military vehicles and others the other may be used. The original plan was that there may be some road bridges. I wonder if a combined road-cum-rail bridge will not be an economic proposition.

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: This question was examined in considerable detail and eventually it has been decided that it would be better to have a separate road bridge.

Shri C. K. Bhattacharya: May I know whether a foot-path will be provided along this railway bridge for pedestrain traffic.

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: It will conform to the normal designs for the construction of bridges over by rivers. A small foot-path is generally provided.

Shri Shree Narayan Das: May I know whether it will be a single-line bridge or a double-line bridge?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: It would be a single-line bridge.

Shri Shree Narayan Das: May I know whether a single-line bridge would be able to cope with the requirements?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: We find that this would be enough to cope with the requirements.

श्री भक्त दर्शन : इस पुल पर कितना रुपया लगने का अन्दाजा है और क्या उसकी व्यवस्था बजट में की जा चुकी है ?

श्री शाहनवाज खां: जी हां, उसके एस्टि-
मेट्स मंजूर हो चुके हैं। अन्दाजा है कि इस पुल की कीमत १ करोड़ २८ लाख ६० तक होगी।

Sleeping Berths in Trains

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*1816. { **Shri Vajpayee:**
 Shri Assar:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given

to Starred Question No. 280 on the 25th November, 1959 and state:

(a) the progress since made in providing sleeping accommodation in trains for Third Class Passengers travelling for over 500 miles without payment of any surcharge; and

(b) whether Government propose to introduce this facility on the Delhi Madras Janata Express?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) The facility has since been extended to 6 pairs of trains—4 on Broad Gauge and 2 on Metre Gauge.

(b) Yes. It is expected that these sleeping cars will be introduced on the Delhi-Madras Janata Express trains during May, 1960.

Shri Vajpayee: May I know if any time-table has been chalked out by the Railway Administration for the extension of this facility in all the trains for long-distance passengers?

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: We have drawn up the relative priorities and I have got a list which is too long a one.

Shri Vajpayee: Pending the extension of this facility in all the trains, may I know if there is any proposal before the Government to reduce the surcharge from Rs. 3 to Re. 1?

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: No, Sir.

Shri Tangamani: May I know whether the Government is considering the question of extending this privilege to third class passengers in Express trains for 300 miles and over since most of the Express trains run less than 500 miles?

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: Let us start with 500 miles and above. We cannot come down to 300 miles. We have not got enough coaches.

Shri Warrior: The Delhi-Madras Janata Express trains have already got sleeping coaches but the passengers have to make payment. May I know whether now these sleeping coaches will be provided without payment?