

(b) and (c). Yes, the possibility of reducing the commercial marketing obligation was discussed with the U.S. Government as well as with the Governments of Australia and Canada who would be affected by a reduction. Though it was not possible to reduce the figure immediately it was agreed that the position would be reconsidered at the time of the annual review.

Electrification of Tambarac-Chingleput Line

*426. **Shri N. R. Muniswamy:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the authorities have come to the conclusion as to the use of D.C. or A.C. for the electrification of railway line between Tambaram and Chingleput;

(b) when it is likely to be commissioned; and

(c) what was the opinion given by the experts sent abroad to make suggestion over this question?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) For future electrification, 25 K.V., A.C., Single Phase system has been decided upon as a matter of policy. In this case, however, the comparative economics of extending the existing D.C. system is being checked by experts.

(b) By the end of 1962.

(c) Expert advice from abroad is not necessary.

Expansion of Railways in Delhi

*427. { **Shri D. C. Sharma:**
Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 653 on the 7th March, 1960 and state:

(a) the progress made so far in formulating a scheme for the expansion of Railways in Delhi; and

(b) when it would be implemented?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) The final Location Survey for the proposed Delhi Avoiding Lines-cum Ring Railway has since been completed, but the alignment in the Cantt. area is under re-examination in consultation with the Ministry of Defence. Land acquisition proceedings for the proposed Ghaziabad-Tughlakabad Rail link via Second Yamuna Bridge are in progress.

(b) After the Schemes are finalised and the necessary land is made available, actual construction would take roughly three years.

Funds for Shipping Industry

*428. { **Shri A. K. Gopalan:**
Shri Warrior:
Shri Punnoose:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Shipping Board had represented to Government to allot more funds for shipping industry in the Third Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereon?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) For the present, it has been possible to make a provision of Rs. 55 crores for shipping in the Third Plan. In addition a sum of Rs. 4 crores is likely to be available from the Shipping Development Fund. Corresponding to this provision, the contribution from the shipping companies is estimated at about Rs. 7 crores. Thus, a total provision of about Rs. 66 crores will be available for expansion of shipping during the Third Plan.