

Marshalling Yard at Delhi

*441. **Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to construct a new marshalling yard near about Delhi to remove the goods traffic congestion at Delhi Main and New Delhi Stations; and

(b) the estimated cost of construction?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) Yes, Sir; it has been decided to construct one at Tughlakabad.

(b) Rs. 1.08 crores.

Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha: May I know whether the bridge on the Mathura Road connecting the marshalling yard with the Delhi Main Station will be completed meanwhile and if so when it is expected to be completed?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: We hope that both these i.e. the Jamuna Bridge and the marshalling yard would be completed simultaneously.

Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha: May I know the architects who are responsible for this construction and whether they have submitted any tender or estimate about that?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: Not yet.

Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha: May I know whether the Government has already issued an advertisement calling for tenders and whether any firms or contractors have submitted tenders?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: We have not done that yet.

Shri Radha Raman: May I know whether any date has been fixed to commence this work and also whether any period has been fixed for its completion?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: Actually, land is being acquired and we hope that it will take about three years to

complete this yard. In other words, we hope it will be ready by 1959.

Shri Brahm Prakash: Is it not a fact that land was acquired about two years back?

Mr. Speaker: Silence is half consent.

The Minister of Railways (Shri Jagjivan Ram): The decision to have a marshalling yard was taken just a few months back and, therefore, land could not be acquired two years back. We are now taking steps to acquire it.

Inspectorate of Railways

*442. **Shri H. C. Mathur:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether final decision has been taken in respect of the ministerial control over the Government Inspectorate of Railways?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): No, Sir. The matter is still under examination.

Shri H. C. Mathur: May I know whether it is a fact that more than a year and a half back, both the Ministers concerned—the Minister of Communications as well as the Minister of Railways—had agreed that the Inspectorate should not be under the Railway Board and the Railway Ministry?

The Minister of Railways (Shri Jagjivan Ram): I think there is nothing further to consider. I am quite definite that it should not be under the Railway Ministry.

Shri H. C. Mathur: This position was stated by his predecessor more than a year and a half back on the floor of the Rajya Sabha, that the Railway Inspectorate should not be under the Railway Ministry. Then what keeps the matter pending for all these one and a half years whereby the department is kept demoralised?

Shri Jagjivan Ram: I do not know. When I was in charge of the Communications Ministry, I was of the