

RAJYA SABHA

Wednesday, the 8th March, 1961/the 17th
Phalguna 1882 (Saka)

The House met at eleven of the clock,
MR. CHAIRMAN in the Chair.

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

EXPENDITURE INCURRED BY THE RAILWAYS ON SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR CONGRESS SESSION

*329. SHRI DAHYABHAI V. PATEL:
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the expenditure incurred by the Railways on special arrangements made in connection with the recent Congress Party Session at Bhavnagar by way of:

- (1) laying of new lines,
- (2) structures and buildings,
- (3) advertisements regarding (i) special trains, (ii) cancellation of trains, (iii) space taken in special numbers and (iv) space taken in the Congress Souvenir; and
- (4) special staff sent to Bhavnagar; and

(b) whether the Railways have incurred such expenditure in connection with any other political party -meetings?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): (a) (1) and (2) Rs. 1,23,092 net.

- (3) Advertisements regarding—
(i) and (ii) Rs. 6,900 (approximate), (iii)
Rs. 463. (iv) Rs.

3,000

- (4) Rs. 33,136

1081 RS—1.

(b) Does not arise as the expenditure incurred on the occasion of the Congress Session at Bhavnagar was not based on any political consideration but was to cater for the additional traffic offering on the occasion.

SHRI DAHYABHAI V. PATEL: May I ask if there are any additional new lines laid on a permanent basis, or whether the lines laid were on a temporary basis and they will be removed or they have been removed after the Session?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: Sir, they were ^aU temporary and have been removed already.

SHRIMATI YASHODA REDDY: May I know, Sir, whether the expenditure incurred by the railways was more than off set by the income derived by them?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: Sir, we made a net profit of over Rs. 1,50,000.

NIGHT DELIVERY OF GOODS IN DELHI

*330. SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state whether the Delhi Administration has approached his Ministry to introduce night delivery of goods in Delhi?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY) No, Sir.

SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: Is the hon. Minister aware that there is traffic jam at least twice or thrice a day because of day delivery of goods?

SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY: There is always traffic jam, but then the difficulty about night delivery is there, and it cannot be met easily. I believe the question arises out of some press information in the 'Sunday Standard', to which the merchants themselves have given the rejoinder—which is published in the 'Hindustan