

SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: May I know, Sir, whether it is a fact that there was a great deal of difference between the opinions of the experts of his own Department and the experts of the Works Department which resulted in delay in the execution of the work?

SHRI AHMED MOHIUDDIN: I have already stated in my answer that there was some delay in comparison with the programme that we set up. There was some delay on account of the construction of foundations in the rocky area, and some other difficulty on account of basements.

SHRI N. M. LINGAM: Is it true that Government have been advised that Delhi is comparatively free from seismographic disturbances? If so, how was Delhi thought to be the most suitable place for the establishment of such a unit?

SHRI AHMED MOHIUDDIN: I may inform the hon. House that there has been a seismological station in Delhi for a very long time attached to the office of the Director General of Observatories. On account of the rise in the sub-soil level of water, the basement where this laboratory was situated had become useless and hence that laboratory had to be closed down in 1957.

SHRI N. M. LINGAM: That does not answer my question. I wanted to know whether Delhi is the most suitable place for establishing such a station. It may be that it has been in existence in Delhi for a long time. But is it the most suitable place at the present time?

SHRI AHMED MOHIUDDIN: I do not understand what the hon. Member means by "at the present site"?

MR. CHAIRMAN: He asks: "At the present time, is it the most suitable place?" One is time, the other is place. There is no connection between

the two. "Is the present site the most suitable one?" That is what he wants to know.

SHRI AHMED MOHIUDDIN: Yes, Sir. The present site is the most suitable one because it is a hill area, a little higher. The sub-soil water is not likely to affect it in future and it is away from the vibrations of traffic, etc.

SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: May I know, Sir, as to what happened to the original seismographic Station that a new station is decided to be started in a rocky place?

SHRI AHMED MOHIUDDIN: As I stated, on account of sub-soil water appearing at the old site, the instruments have been taken out to be shifted to the new site.

RECONSTRUCTION OF BEHARA RAILWAY STATION

*609. **SHRI J. B. HAGJER:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to reconstruct the Behara railway station (Hill Section of the North-east Frontier Railway); and

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative, when the reconstruction work is likely to be taken up?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

SHRI J. B. HAGJER: Do not Government feel the necessity of enlarging the capacity of the station building at this station?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: We have not felt the necessity of enlarging the station building but we have felt the necessity of enlarging the waiting hall and we are taking steps.