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Bank will give its award or make a new suggestion in that regard?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: There is no question of the Bank giving any award. The Bank is using its good offices. It would try to find out a solution if possible.

STREET DELIVERY SYSTEM

♦81. SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: Will the Minister of RAIL-VAYS be pleased to state the places where "Street Delivery System" is proposed to be introduced in the country?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): The question of introducing street delivery system at Secunderabad, Hyderabad, Calcutta, Patna, Kanpur, Lucknow, Allahabad and Delhi and of extending it at Bombay is under examination.

SHRI D. A. MIRZA: On a point of information, Sir. I want to know what this street delivery system is. I have heard of hospital delivery and office delivery. But what is this street delivery?

MR. CHAIRMAN: He wants to know what this street delivery system is.

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: Sir, the idea is that parcels and goods booked in small quantities to any railway sta-tion should be delivered at the consignea's house.

SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: May I know, Sir, the number of persons who are expected to get employment under this scheme?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: It is a very big question. It is also presumed that a number of contractors would also come into this scheme. So, Sir, I am unable to answer that.

SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: May I know, Sir, whether the customers, when this scheme has materialised, will have to pay charges for the delivery of their goods according to their weight or on the basis of number of items?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: These charges will be fixed by the Railways, and they will have to be paid by them.

SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: Will they be delivered according to their weight or according to their number?

(No reply.)

SHRI AMOLAKH CHAND: May I know, Sir, if there is any scheme *to* have this home delivery or street delivery arrangement for the Members of Parliament in the City of Delhi when Parliament is in session, for the simple reason that it becomes rather difficult for them to get their parcels from the Railways like the post office? Is there any proposal for the City of Delhi?

MR. CHAIRMAN: For speedier delivery.

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: Yes, Sir. There is a proposal for the City of Delhi.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Do you admit that there is delayed delivery?

INCREASE IN FOOD PRICES IN DELHI

- *82. SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:
- (a) what are the reasons for the recent increase in food prices in Delhi; and
- (b) why this scarcity was created in spite of the regular supply of foodgrains?