

PERMANENT EMPLOYEES OF LOCAL BODIES

314. Sardar Hukam Singh: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether the permanent employees of the local bodies in West Pakistan have been absorbed in services in India after their displacement during 1947-48; and

(b) if not, whether Government have any plans to absorb those who have still no employment?

The Minister of Home Affairs and States (Dr. Katju): (a) From the information available with us, it is found that 90 permanent employees of Local Bodies in West Pakistan have secured employment under the Government of India. Fuller information is being collected and will be placed on the table of the House in due course.

(b) All employees, both permanent and temporary, of Local Bodies in West Pakistan are being rendered employment assistance on a priority basis through the Directorate General of Resettlement and Employment/ Employment Exchanges.

PASSENGER AND GOODS TRAFFIC

315. Pandit Munishwar Datt Upadhyay: (a) Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state what is the increase in passenger and goods traffic since 1940 on the systems of old East Indian and Bengal and Nagpur Railways?

(b) What were the numbers of coaches, wagons and engines in the years 1940 and 1951 in the East Indian and Bengal and Nagpur Railways?

(c) What percentage of these engines, passenger coaches and wagons used to be in active use and what percentage used to be lying idle?

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri): (a) Over the period 1940-41 to 1950-51, passenger traffic, measured in terms of passenger miles, increased approximately by 134.7 per cent. on the E. I. Railway and 191.6 per cent. on the B. N., and freight traffic, in terms of net ton miles, increased by 15.4 and 12.5 per cent. on the E. I. and B. N. Railways respectively, over the same period.

(b) The average number of stock on line was—

	E. I. Railway		B. N. Railway	
	1940-41	1950-51	1940-41	1950-51
(1) Passenger carriages (in units)	2,441	2,332	1,122	1,096
(2) Wagons (in terms of 4-wheelers)	49,695	63,947	26,142	28,222
(3) Engines	1,616	2,103	745	844

(c) Statistics are maintained only of stock 'available for use', and not in active use. The percentage of stock available for use was—

	E. I. Railway		B. N. Railway	
	1940-41	1950-51	1940-41	1950-51
Passenger carriages	90.7	87.4	86.9	90.6
Wagons	95.1	93.1	94.4	92.9
Engines	85.5	82.0	83.1	86.5

The balance was not available for use.

Figures for the E. I. Railway for the year 1950-51 include the Sealdah Division, which was added to that system on Partition.

ROAD ACCIDENTS

316. Shri Radha Raman: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) the number of road accidents which occurred in Delhi and New Delhi during the years 1948-49, 1949-50, 1950-51 and 1951-52;

(b) how many of them proved fatal;

(c) how many were men, women and children respectively; and

(d) what action Government propose to take in order to minimise them?

The Minister of Home Affairs and States (Dr. Katju): (a) to (d). I lay a statement on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VII, annexure No. 6.]

CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES

317. Shri Rishang Keishing: Will the Minister of States be pleased to state:

(a) the number of co-operative registered societies in Manipur; and

(b) how many of these have been liquidated in 1951-52?