

Average annual number of coaches and wagons to be manufactured in India and imported from outside and their value as estimated for the programmes for the 5 year period from 1951-52—

India	
950 coaches	estimated to cost Rs. 8,23 lakhs.
6500 wagons	estimated to cost Rs. 7,80 lakhs.
Abroad	
200 Coaches	estimated to cost Rs. 2,92 lakhs.
3000 wagons	estimated to cost Rs. 3,66 lakhs.

(g) Information is given in Statement No. 26(a) of Volume II of the Railway Board's Report for 1950-51, a copy of which is available in the Library of the House.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL FOR THE ANDAMANS

169. **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** (a) Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Andaman Association has submitted a memorandum to the Government of India demanding the immediate establishment of an elected Administrative Council in place of the present Advisory Council for the Andaman and Nicobar Islands nominated by the Chief Commissioner?

(b) If so, what steps do Government propose to take in regard to that memorandum?

The Minister of Home Affairs and States (Dr. Katju): (a) and (b). I have seen a copy of the memorandum which the Andaman Indians Association has circulated to Members of Parliament. Over 30 points have been raised in that memorandum including the establishment of an elected Administrative Council in place of the present Advisory Council. All these points are under consideration.

POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT, UTTAR PRADESH

170. **Shri Dhusiya:** (a) Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state what is the total number of permanent and temporary clerks in U.P., in the Posts and Telegraphs Department?

(b) What is the total number of Scheduled Caste employees in the permanent and temporary services respectively?

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(c) According to the reservation in services given by the Government to the Scheduled Caste employees, do they represent fully there and if not, what are reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):

(a) Permanent	... 5547
Temporary	... 1295
(b) Permanent	... 89
Temporary	... 95

(c) No. The reasons are that sufficient number do not appear at the recruitment examination or succeed in qualifying.

NATIONAL HIGHWAYS IN ASSAM

171. **Shri Sarmah:** (a) Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state whether there is any Highway or Highways in the State of Assam for maintenance or improvement of which the Government of India give financial contribution or make full payment?

(b) If so, what are the names of such roads, their respective mileage and the condition whether asphalted, metalled or 'Kutchra' and the sum paid by the Government of India for each respectively for the years 1947-48, 1948-49, 1949-50 and 1951-52?

(c) What amount was spent and how much lapsed for inability to spend during these four years?

(d) Who executes the work of maintenance and upkeep of the road or roads for which the Government of India pays?

(e) Is Assam Trunk Road one of the roads in Assam for the upkeep and maintenance of which the Government of India pays?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister (Shri Satish Chandra): (a) Yes, about 800 miles of roads provisionally classed as National Highways.

(b) and (c). Two statements containing the required information are attached. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 17].

(d) The Assam Public Works Department.

(e) Yes.

III CLASS COMPARTMENTS

172. **Shri K. G. Deshmukh:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state: