

Employees of Jodhpur Division of N. Railway

2751. Dr. L. M. Singhvi: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that employees belonging to former Jodhpur State Medical Department and absorbed in Jodhpur Division of Northern Railway since 1st April, 1950 are still being governed by the Rajasthan Government scales of pay; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken for application of Northern Railway pay scales to these members of the Medical Staff during the last twelve years?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) Yes.

(b) The matter has been under constant correspondence between the Northern Railway and the Rajasthan Government to settle terms and conditions of service. It is hoped that the matter will be finalised shortly.

Inland Letter Rates

2752. Dr. L. M. Singhvi: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for not introducing lower rates for inland letters and envelopes meant for local delivery as in the case of post cards; and

(b) whether any such revision of rates is under consideration?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Bhagavati): (a) Because it would result in heavy loss to the Department.

(b) No.

Pay Scales of Train Examiners

2753. Shri S. M. Banerjee: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the pay scales recommended by Pay Commission have not

been implemented in the case of Train Examiners working in Eastern Railway;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) steps taken by Government in this regard?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) to (c). The pay scales recommended by the Jagannadha Das Pay Commission as accepted by the Government have been implemented in the case of Train Examiners on the Eastern Railway except in the case of certain staff in the lowest authorised scales and these will be completed very shortly.

Road Accidents in Delhi

2754. Shri E. Madhusudan Rao: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of road accidents in Delhi and deaths due to them during the years 1960-61 and 1961-62;

(b) whether it is a fact that of late the number of accidents have increased substantially; and

(c) the measures being taken to decrease the number of accidents?

The Minister of Shipping in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) The information required is given below:

Period	Total number of road accidents	Total number of deaths due to road accidents
1-4-1960 to 31-3-1961	4843	155
1-4-61 to 31-3-1962	6448	177

(b) Yes.

(c) The following measures have been taken by the Delhi Administra-

tion to prevent road accidents in Delhi:—

(i) Three Magistrates have been deputed to check and deal with traffic violators on the spot in the Connaught Place area during the peak traffic hours.

(ii) One whole-time Mobile Court is functioning throughout the areas of New Delhi and Old Delhi.

(iii) Mobile traffic patrols are sent on motor-cycles to cover important busy roads during the peak hours to detect cases of traffic violation and help in removing traffic hold-ups.

(iv) Speed checks are carried out frequently on all 'accident-prone' roads.

(v) Traffic staff is posted at all important cinema houses to deal with the traffic obstruction caused on the public road by the operators of taxicabs, auto-rickshaws, motor-cycle rickshaws and tongas, at the end of the cinema shows.

(vi) Some of the narrow and congested roads have been closed to heavy transport vehicles.

(vii) Major roads are being widened and automatic traffic signals installed, wherever necessary Roundabouts have been built at various inter-sections. Separate tracks for cyclists have also been provided on some roads.

(viii) The Railway authorities have agreed to provide a cantilever bridge for pedestrians and cyclists on the existing Jamuna bridge. This will help in considerably reducing congestion on this rather busy bridge. The Railways are also understood to be considering the question of construction of an over-bridge on Rohtak Road and another such bridge near the Bengali Market to link old Delhi with New Delhi. This measure will reduce congestion in some of the busy areas and automatically reduce the number of accidents.

(ix) Slides, displaying road safety instructions, are shown in a number of cinema houses in Delhi and New Delhi. Cautionary sign boards have been permanently fixed at dangerous road intersections.

Halt Station at Korai on S. E. Railway

2755. Shri Mallick: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any proposal to convert the Korai-pass-Diva-Panvel-Uran Apta Broad Gauge Railway (Orissa) into a Flag Station; and

(b) if so, whether it will be implemented during the Third Five Year plan period?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy):
(a) Yes.

(b) The matter is under examination.

Small Hydel Schemes

2756. { **Shri R. G. Dubey:**
Shri S. B. Patil:

Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) the number of small hydel schemes taken up in different parts of the country with a view to harness smaller falls;

(b) whether Mysore State provided any such schemes; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the machinery required for the schemes can be manufactured in the workshop at Tungbhadra, saving thereby the foreign exchange?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Irrigation and Power (Shri Alagesan): (a) In all, fifteen schemes have been taken up. Out of these, two (one in Jammu and Kashmir, and one in Himachal Pradesh) have been completed. Work on the remaining schemes is in progress.