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Body found in a Railway Wagon

594. { **Shri P. R. Chakraverti;**
Shri P. C. Borooah;
Shri Yashpal Singh;

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the body of a middle-aged man was found in a railway wagon at the Sadar Bazar Railway Station on the 27th October, 1964;

(b) if so, the circumstances leading to his death; and

(c) whether any action has been taken against the Railway doctor who refused to give him medical aid?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) Yes.

(b) According to the *post mortem* examination report, the death was due to natural causes i.e. Anasarca. The man apparently a beggar, was found lying on the platform. He appeared to be suffering from some chronic ailment. The Railway Doctor who was called for attended on him. Owing to non-availability of Ambulance car from the civil hospital, the deceased could not be shifted despite best efforts.

(c) In view of answer to part (b) above, does not arise.

Mandi-Kulu Road Transport Corporation

595. **Shri Hem Raj:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of money invested by the Railways in the Mandi-Kulu Road Transport Corporation from its inception to date;

(b) the number of vehicles, buses and trucks plied by it on this route;

(c) the number out of them which have got permits from the (i) Punjab

and (ii) Himachal Pradesh Governments;

(d) the net profit earned by this Corporation year-wise since its formation (up-to-date); and

(e) what dividend the Railway have received so far by way of their participation in this undertaking?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) to (e). A statement giving the position is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-3485/64].

Manufacture of Rubber Goods

596. { **Shri Gokulananda Mohanty;**
Shri Rama Chandra Mallick;

Will the Minister of Industry and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rubber goods manufacturing industry in this country has been able to achieve self-sufficiency in respect of all items of our requirements; and

(b) if not, what other important items made out of rubber are still imported?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Industry and Supply (Shri Bibudhendra Misra): (a) Self sufficiency has been achieved in the country in respect of most of the following rubber goods:

Mechanical, extruded and moulded rubber goods, e.g. rubber footwear, V and Fan belts, railway and automobile rubber components, rubber coats and aprons, surgical gloves, tennis balls, tyre retreading compound, latex foam rubber, automobile tyres and tubes and bicycle tyres and tubes.

(b) Following specialised items are still being imported:

Rubber blankets, life jackets and rafts, rubber contraceptives, specialised medical and surgical rubber products, tyres and tubes of sizes not manufactured in the country and rubber impregnated hoses.