

(c) if so, the outcome thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The incident is under investigation.

#### Framing of Rules for 'Manning' on Board of Indian Vessels

1684. DR. SUDHIR ROY : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether rules for manning" on board of each of Indian-flag vessels have been framed by amending Section 88 of Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 (44 of 1958) as per recommendations of Admiral S.M. Nanda (Retired) Committee on unemployment among Indian Seamen; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) and (b). In keeping with the recommendations of the Nanda Committee, a technical committee has been appointed by the Director General of Shipping to go into the question of formulating rules for manning of Indian flag vessels by ratings.

#### Recruitment of Class IV Employees

1685. SHRI AMAL DATTA : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of employees recruited to Class IV service in the railways during the last 3 years, with break up showing recruitment in each railway separately, year-wise;

(b) how many of such appointments were ad-hoc appointments; and

(c) do the railways approach the employment exchanges for recruitment to

Class IV service at all, if so the percentage of recruitment done through the employment exchanges during the last 3 years, railway-wise ?

THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) to (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

#### Replacement of Old Wagons

1686. SHRI V. TULSI RAM : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether an order for 7000 wagons has recently been placed for the replacement of old and worn out ones;

(b) if so, the total estimated cost of these wagons; and

(c) the number of wagons to be provided in each railway zone gauge-wise separately ?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) Yes, Sir. It is proposed to procure 7000 wagons more this year.

(b) About Rs. 155 crores.

(c) These 7000 wagons are all Broad Gauge BOX 'N' type wagons. The tentative allotment railway-wise is :

Railway		No.
Northern	—	1428
Central	—	1265
Eastern	—	2163
Southern	—	573
South-Eastern	—	1571
	Total	7000

Newly acquired wagons are distributed amongst the zonal railways on the basis of their authorised stock, whereas they are utilised all over the Indian Railway system as per traffic requirements.