

(e) whether he is aware of great dishonesty shown towards the dependents of backward class people while each and every dependent of non-backward people is ensured job?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) and (b). The total number of persons who applied for jobs on compassionate grounds and the number out of them who have been offered jobs is 15,534 and 7,270 respectively. These figures exclude those of Northern, North Eastern, South Central and South Eastern Railways. Information from these Railways is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) to (e). Community-wise statistic of appointments on compassionate grounds are not maintained. Appointments on these grounds are offered according to the following priorities and not on any communal considerations:

(i) Dependents of Class III and IV employees who die or are permanently crippled as a result of their devotion to duty;

(ii) Dependents of Class III and IV who die in harness as a result of Railway accidents when off duty;

(iii) Dependents of Class III and IV employees who die in harness as a result of natural causes.

No discrimination is shown between backward and non-backward classes.

Formation of Labour Policy

1494. SHRI SHANKERSINHJI VAGHELA:

SHRI G. M. BANATWALLA:
SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH
MALIK:

Will the Minister of PARLIAMEN-
TARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR be
pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to form a labour policy on the pattern of industrial policy; and

(b) if so, what are the details in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMEN-
TARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR (SHRI
RAVINDRA VARMA): (a) and (b).
The Government is constantly review-
ing the labour policy to ensure that it
best sub-serves the interest of the
workers, whether in the organised or
in the unorganised sector.

Number of Vehicles used by India
High Commission, London

1495. SHRI PRADYUMNA BAL:
Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AF-
FAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of vehicles used by
our High Commission in Britain and
their cost; and

(b) the annual recurring expendi-
ture on the maintenance of these
vehicles?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN
THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AF-
FAIRS (SHRI SAMARENDRA KUN-
DU): (a) There are nine vehicles
used by High Commission in London.
The cost of vehicles is Rs. 5,56,854.48.

(b) Approximately Rs. 41,000/- an-
nually is spent on servicing and re-
pairs. (Average of financial years
1976-77 and 1977-78).

Fourth National Conference on Mines
Safety

1496. SHRI KUMARI ANANTHAN:
Will the Minister of PARLIAMEN-
TARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR be
pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for the failure of
the Fourth National Conference on
Safety in Mines, held on 24th Decem-
ber, 1976 to make any recommenda-
tion;