

(d) whether it is a fact that the lists of candidates forwarded by the employment exchanges are not wholly accepted by Government institutions such as the Southern Railway Workshop at Mysore?

**The Minister of Labour (Shri V. V. Giri):** (a) to (c). Statements are placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VI, annexure No. 14.]

(d) The Employment Exchanges can only recommend the names of suitable applicants, the final selection and appointment is entirely left to the discretion of the Employer.

#### WATERMEN ON SOUTHERN RAILWAY

**298. Shri Muniswamy:** (a) Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the number of watermen on the Southern Railway?

(b) Are they appointed permanently or seasonally?

(c) If appointments are made in both categories, how many are there in each category?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan):** (a) 968.

(b) Appointments are made in both categories.

(c) Permanent	...	281
Seasonal	...	687

(During hot weather season 1953).

#### ALL-INDIA WOMEN'S FOOD COUNCIL

**299. Shri Muniswamy:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the amount advanced to its branches and agencies in the State of Madras by the All-India Women's Food Council for organisational and other publicity schemes during 1952-53;

(b) how the amount was utilised by the organisation in Madras State;

(c) how many paid workers there are under the Council in the Madras State;

(d) whether any training is given to the workers; and

(e) if so, how?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai):** (a) Nil.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) 90.

(d) and (e). Besides practical training in the 'Annapoorna Cafeterias' themselves the Council held previously three courses in the School of Catering and Dietetics at Bombay, each of three months duration, where some members of their staff were given practical as well as theoretical training. The Council propose to set up a Permanent College of Catering and Nutrition in Bombay to give such training.

#### गाड़ियों में यात्रियों के साथ दुर्घटनाएं

३००. श्री एच० एस० प्रसाद : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि जनवरी तथा फरवरी, १९५४ में पूर्वोत्तर रेलवे के बनारस तथा भदनी स्टेशनों के बीच गाड़ियों के पायदानों या छतों पर यात्रा करने वाले कितने व्यक्ति मरे और चायल हुए ?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan):** Killed—2 in January and 7 in February.

Injured—Nil in January and 10 in February.

#### ROAD TRANSPORT SCHEME OF HIMACHAL PRADESH

**301. Shri K. C. Sodhia:** (a) Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state the total capital of the Road Transport Scheme of Himachal Pradesh?

(b) Who are the share-holders in this concern and what is the amount invested up-to-date by each?

(c) What is the total loss or gain of this concern up-to-date?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan):** (a) to (c). The capital and profit of the Himachal