

(c) if not, further steps Government propose to take in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) No, Sir. However, the Central Government have issued guidelines regarding posting of spouses at the same station in respect of employees of Central Government and Central Public Undertakings, subject to fulfilment of certain administrative requirements.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

[English]

Bench of Central Administrative Tribunal in Kerala

*101. SHRI VAKKOM PURSHOTHAMAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether a bench of the Central Administrative Tribunal has been set up at Ernakulam in Kerala ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) and (b). A decision has been taken to set up a Bench of the Central Administrative Tribunal at Ernakulam. The bench will be set up shortly.

Road Accidents and Regulation of Traffic in Delhi

718. SHRI MANIK REDDY : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the accident rate and fatal accidents have not decreased in Delhi despite introduction of traffic lights, overbridges, one-way traffic etc. ;

(b) whether any comparative studies have been made on rate of accidents and

smooth flow of traffic before and after the providing such facilities ; and

(c) whether Government are aware that at old fashioned roundabouts such as on Prithviraj Road (in front of Taj), Udyog Bhawan roundabout of Motilal Nehru Marg/Janpath inter-section, heavy traffic goes on smoothly despite total absence of traffic police, traffic lights etc. ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) No, Sir. With the introduction of traffic lights, over-bridges and one-way traffic, the rate of accidents and fatalities show a downward trend as shown below :

Year	Rate of road accidents per 1,000 vehicles.
1981	7.45
1982	7.38
1983	7.30
1984	7.13
1985	6.76

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The roundabouts at Prithviraj Road (in front of Taj) and Udyog Bhawan and the roundabout at Motilal Nehru Marg and Janpath intersection are coping well with the needs of the growing traffic. As such there is no traffic problem at these points in spite of the heavy traffic. Roundabout is a self controlled intersection and hence there is no development of staff at such intersections during normal times. Roundabouts are converted into signalled intersection after the traffic flow reaches the level of saturation.

High Level Committee on Prices of Essential Commodities

719. SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry has suggested the setting up of high-level committee to take action to check rise in prices of essential commodities ;