

pit, restrictions, if any for movement of Tea-Chest Battens to certain stations of N.F. Railway. This *ad hoc* assistance was provided as the party had represented that this being the peak season for export packing of tea^ any delay in supply of Tea-Chest Battens would result in failure of export shipments. During January 1981, out of a total loading of 20 wagons to destinations on N.F. Railway, only 8 were loaded by M/s. Crown Timber and Foods Pvt. Ltd., and M/s. Yamuna Packing Industries (P) Ltd., while the other 12 wagons were loaded by other parties.

(c) After receipt of representation from the Indian Tea-Chest Battens Manufactur^ Association, Yamuna Nagar, instructions were issued to the Northern Railway that the party should not be given any further ad-hoc assistance for clearance of their traffic unless the request is routed through and recommended by the Railway forwarding the request and indent number_s are given. This will ensure that only genuine demands after due verification are entertained.

Accidents averted during 1980

2131. SHRI SUSHIL CHAND MOHUNTA; Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the railway accidents which were averted during the last one year; and

(b) what were the circumstances of each case?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) During the period 1-1-80 to 31-12-80, there were 10 cases of averted collisions on the Indian Government Railways.

(b) Of these 10 cases, 4 were due to eption of trains on occupied lines and 6 due to drivers disregarding the signals.

Declaration of an ad hoc typists panel by the Railways

2132. SHRI BHOLA PRASAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that on 1-8-1980, an *ad hoc* Typists panel of 52 persons were declared;

(b) whether it i₃ a fact that °ne typist was appointed in Railway Head quarters at Baroda House, New Delhi; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to appoint the rest as per the said panel?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) An *ad hoc* panel of 51 English Typists Grade 260-400/. was declared on 5-8-1980.

(b) No.

(c) All vacancie_s of typist_s have been filled up by selected candidates since supplied by the Railway Service Commission, Allahabad.

Harassment of a railway employee for exposing Corrupt officials

2133. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will⁷ the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item published in the Blitz dated the 3rd January, 1981 under the caption 'Railway Vendat'a' about the harassment of a railway employee, Shri V. L. Narasimhan, by the railway officials; for his action of exposing certain corrupt officials; and

(b) if so, what ar_e the details in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) There i₃ no news item captioned 'Railway Ven-datta' in the Blitz of 3rd January, 1981. However, Government's atten-