

pite 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 Manufacturers 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 numbers 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 reception 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 is a fact that one typist was appointed in Railway Headquarters 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 vacancies of typists 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: Will 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 are the details in this regard?

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