

(a) what is the average number of people dying of road accidents in Delhi every day;

(b) whether any survey has been conducted in this regard; and

(c) if so, the precautionary measures Government propose to take in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI F. H. MOHSIN): (a) Daily averages of the last three years and of January, 1973 are:

1970	..	..	1.46
1971	..	..	1.14
1972	..	..	1.37
1973	(January)	..	1.16

(b) No separate survey has been conducted. Statistics of road accidents are maintained by the Delhi Traffic Police and each case of death due to traffic accident is investigated.

(c) Roads and road inter-sections are being improved to ensure a smoother and conflict-free flow of traffic. During the year 1972, inter-sections have been installed at 32 places, blinkers have been installed at 7 places. Upto 31st December, 1972, 100 inter-sections have been signalized and blinkers have been installed at 123 places.

Constant efforts are being made to impart road safety, instructions to various categories of road-users with a view to minimise accidents. Road safety instructions are imparted to school children also through lectures and demonstrations. Delhi Traffic Police has recently organised a School Road Safety Corps in a large number of schools in which cadets have been trained in elementary traffic control and observance of various road safety rules. Lectures are delivered by the Delhi Traffic Police Officers to students, teachers, drivers of commercial vehicles and other road users.

## REORGANISATION OF P. AND T. BOARD

252. SHRI S. A. KHAJA MOHI-DEEN:

SHRI K. L. N. PRASAD:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to reorganise the present set up of P. & T. Board in near future; and

(b) if so, the details in this connection?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA):

(a) and (b) The reorganisation of the P. & T. Board on the lines of the Railway Board has been recommended by the Administrative Reforms Commission in their report on Posts and Telegraphs. The recommendations of the Commission are under Governments active consideration.

## MICROWAVE RADIO—T.V. LINKING OF MAJOR CITIES

253. SHRI S. A. KHAJA MOHI-DEEN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have entered into any agreement with Hungary for the microwave radio-TV link for major cities in India; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) An order has recently been placed for purchase of microwave equipment from Hungary against Rupee Payment Agreement at a cost of Rs. 4.45 crores. This equipment will be utilised over a distance spanning about 2000 Kms. connecting the cities of Bombay, Panjim, Mangalore, Mysore, Bangalore, Madras and Mangalore, Kozhikode, Ernakulam and Trivandrum. The equipment will also be utilised for carrying live T.V. programmes between Bombay and Madras.