98. SHRI S. GURUSWAMI : Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of pre-1931 Railwaymen employed in Class III and Class IV respectively on each of the Government Railways on 31st March 1952.

(fc) the number of Railwaymen employed in Class III and Class IV respectively on each Railway who were benefited by the decision of the Government regarding weightage for service for pre-1931 staff granted in December 1949 and the cost of the concession railway wise; and

(c) the number of post-1931 staff who derived similar benefit and the cost of the concession which resulted from the December 1949 decision regarding weightage for service on each of the Railways ?

THE MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS (SHRI LAL BAHADUR) : Information is being collected from the Railways and will be laid on the Table of the House.

#### **QUARTERS PROVIDED TO RAILWAYMEN**

99. SHRI S. GURUSWAMI : Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of staff quarters provided on each Railway for the following categories of employees:

(1) Running staff, (it) Station

staff, (tit) Inspection staff, and

(iv) Medical staff; and

(b) the percentage of staff not provided with quarters in the respective categories mentioned above ?

THE MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS (SHRI LAL BAHADUR): (a) and -(b) The information is being collected from each Railway and will be laid on the Table of the House when ready.

# **RAILWAY STAFF BENEFIT FUND**

IOO. SHRI S. GURUSWAMI : Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state what are the receipts and expenditure incurred under various items in the working of the Railway Staff Benefit Fund on each of the Railways during last five years ?

THE MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS (SHRI LAL BAHADUR) : The information is being collected from the Railways and will be laid on the Table of the House.

#### **RAILWAYS RUNNING STAFF**

IOI. SHRI S. GURUSWAMI : Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state the number of running staff in each of the grades, respectively, on each of the Railways and the total average mileage allowance earned by them in a month in the respective grades during 1951-52 ?

THE MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS (SHRI LAL BAHADUR): Information is being collected from the Railways and will be laid on the Table of the House.

### PROVIDENT FUND MEMBERS ON EACH OF THE RAILWAYS

102. SHRI S. GURUSWAMI : WiU the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state the number of provident fund members on each of the Railways and the total amount of provident fund assets of the staff respectively ?

THE MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS (SHRI LAL BAHADUR) : The requisite information is given below :

| Railway/Office  | No. of<br>Provident<br>Fund<br>members<br>as on<br>31-3-52 | Total<br>amount of<br>Provident<br>Fund<br>assets<br>as on<br>31-3-52 |
|-----------------|--|---|
| 1               | 2  | 3   |
|                 |  | Rs.   |
| Western Railway | 1.02,259   | 11,00.39,442  |

| hittaranjan         |       |          |
|---------------------|-------|----------|
| C Locomotive Works. | 4,327 | 9,48,921 |

| I                                   | 2        | 3            |
|-------------------------------------|----------|--------------|
| •                                   |          | Rs.          |
| Southern Railway                    | 1,35,777 | 13,23,03,440 |
| Central Railway                     | 1,65,560 | 14,54,97,247 |
| Railway Clearing<br>Accounts Office | 4,249    | 65,00,996    |
| Ex-E.I. Railway                     | 2,14,700 | 16,82,51,000 |
| Ex-B.N. Railway                     | 1,02,800 | 10,23,82,000 |
| Ex-E.P. Railway                     | 47,774   | 5,16,28,733  |
| Ex-Bikaner State                    | 3,070    | 26,74,122    |
| Ex-Jodhpur                          | 7,200    | 74,19,988    |
| Ex-O.T. Railway                     | 60,000   | 3,29,07,000  |
| Ex-Assam Railway                    | 45,217   | 2,70,89,327  |
| GRAND TOTAL .                       | 8,92,933 | 78,76,42,216 |

IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS 0? THE JOINT RAILWAY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

103. SHRI S. GURUSWAMI : (a) Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to lay on the Table a statement showing the action taken on the various recommendations of the Joint Railway Advisory Committee;

(b) what is the number of the staff who were benefited as a result of those recornendations; and

(c) what is the additional cost incurred per annum on account of each of those recommendations ?

THS MTNISTER FOR RAILWAYS (SHRI LAL BAHADUR) : Information is being collected from the Railways and will be laid on the Table of the House.

## **INTERNATIONAL Td3. CONFERENCE**

104. SHRIMATI SAVITRY NIGAM : Will the Minister for HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose t3 call an International T. B. Conference; and

(b) if so, when ?

THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR) : (*a*) No, because of financial stringency,

(b) Does not arise 24 CSD **TELEPHONE DEVELOPMENT FUND** 

105. SHRI P. C. BHANJ DEO : Will the Minister for COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the balance in the Telephone Development Fund on 31-3-1951, 31-3-1952 and 3I-3-1953:

(b) whether there will be a net drawing of Rs. 20,00,000 (twenty lakhs) from this fund during the year 1952-53;

(c) whether it is proposed to transfer Rs. 55,00,000 (rupees fifty-five lakhs) from the Telephone Developm nt Fund during 1952-53; and, if so, whether it includes any interest earned on the balance of the fund;

(*d*) whether after the completion of the Telephone Development programme there need not be any balance in the fund;

*(e)* the estimated cost of the Telephone Development programme on hand;

(/) in how many years the programme is likely to be completed; and

(g) whether the money in the Fund will be sufficient to complete the Telephone Development programme ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR) : (*a*) Balance on 31st March 1951—Rs. 144'36 lakhs.

Balance on 31st March 1952— Rs. 169-36 lakhs.

Balance on 31st March 1953— Rs. 149-36 lakhs.

*N.B.*—As the accounts for 1951-52 have not yet been finally closed, tb; balance furnished as on 31st March 1952 is based or the Revised Estimates for that year. Tn; balv.ic I as on 31st March 1953 is based on the Budget Estimates for 195<sup>2</sup>"53-

(b) Yes.

(c) No. The amount proposed to be transferred *from* the Fund is Rs. 75 lakhs. The amount proposed to be