

RAILWAY EMPLOYEES

*1376. **Shri Vittal Rao:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of temporary Railway employees as on 1st June, 1952 all over the Railways;

(b) how many temporary employees have been confirmed during the months of May and June 1952;

(c) how many temporary employees are there in the ex-Nizams State Railway sector of Central Railway on 1st June, 1952; and

(d) how many have been confirmed during the months of May and June, 1952?

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri): (a) to (d). Information is being obtained from Railways and will be laid on the Table of the House.

AGRA-BAH RAILWAY LINE

*1377. **Ch. Raghubir Singh:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to revive the Agra-Bah Railway line which was suspended during the World War II; and

(b) if so, how long it will take?

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri): (a) The reply is in the negative. This line was decided to be closed on financial grounds before the outbreak of War and is not at par with the other lines which were dismantled during the War for meeting urgent military requirements of track material.

(b) Does not arise.

THIRD CLASS COMPARTMENTS

*1378. **Shri Kandasamy:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) how many 3rd class compartments of Railway trains in the Southern Zone are equipped with fans; and

(b) what is the percentage of such compartments to the total number of 3rd class compartments in that Zone?

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri): (a) 191 Carriages.

(b) 17 per cent. of the number due to be fitted with fans.

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P. AND T. ADVISORY COMMITTEES

*1379. **Shri Dabhi:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have appointed Post and Telegraph Advisory Committees for different areas and circles;

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative, for which areas and circles in Bombay State have these Committees been formed; and

(c) the strength of each of these Committees, and what interests are represented on these Committees?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Yes.

(b) There is only one Regional P. & T. Advisory Committee for Bombay Circle, which covers Bombay, Saurashtra and Kutch States.

(c) The composition of the Regional P. & T. Advisory Committee for Bombay Circle is as follows:—

(1) Chairman—P.M.G., Bombay	1
(2) Representatives of Bombay State Government (One official and the other non-official)	2
(3) Representatives of Parliament (Selected by the Minister for Communications)	2
(4) Representatives of Trade and Commerce (Nominated by the Bombay State Govt.)	4
(5) Representative of Saurashtra (Nominated by the State Govt.)	1
(6) Representative of Kutch (Nominated by the State Govt.)	1

TOTAL . . . 11

CHIT-BARAGAON AND BUXAR RAILWAY LINK

*1380. **Shri R. N. Singh:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether Government propose to open a Railway Link between Chit-baragaon and Buxar lying on the old E.I.R.?

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri): The reply is in the negative.