

no quorum if the majority of the members present at any meeting of the Commission consists of members of public service.

(5) The decision of the majority of the members present at a meeting of the Commission, shall be deemed to be a decision of the Commission, and in the event of an equality of votes at such meeting, the person presiding at the meeting shall have a casting vote.

(6) Subject to the provisions of sub-sections (3) and (4), two meetings of the Commission may be held simultaneously at different places.

Object of the Commission.

7. The object of the Commission shall be, subject to the provisions of this Act or any other law, to promote and encourage the development of transport in the Union and, where necessary, to co-ordinate various phases of transport in order to achieve the maximum benefit and economy of transport service to the public.

Abolition of National Road Board, Central Road Transportation Board and Civil Aviation Council and transfer of their functions to the Commission.

8. (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law the National Road Board, established under section two of the National Roads Act, 1935 (Act No. 42 of 1935), the Central Road Transportation Board, established under section two of the Motor Carrier Transportation Act, 1930 (Act No. 39 of 1930), and the Civil Aviation Council, established under section three bis of the Aviation Act, 1923 (Act No. 16 of 1923), shall, upon the establishment of the Commission under section three, cease to exist and the powers, functions and duties of the said bodies shall thereupon be transferred to the Commission, which shall, subject to the provisions of this Act, for all purposes be deemed to be their successor.

(2) All property acquired by the National Road Board for the purposes of its functions, and all the records of that Board, shall vest in the Union Government and be made available for the use of the Commission in carrying out its functions under this Act, unless in the case of any of such property the Minister directs that it be otherwise dealt with for the benefit of the Fund.

(3) Any decision or act lawfully given or performed by any of the bodies abolished by sub-section (1) shall be deemed to have been given or performed by the Commission.

(4) Any matter which was under consideration by any of the bodies abolished by sub-section (1), but in regard to which no decision had been given or arrived at by such body at the time of its abolition, shall be considered *de novo* by the Commission.

Further functions of the Commission.

9. In addition to the powers conferred and duties imposed upon the Commission by any other law, the functions of the Commission shall be—

(i) in relation to roads—

(a) to recommend, after consultation with any Administrator affected by such recommendation, which roads shall be declared na-