

(4) The Committee shall consider all matters referred to it by the Minister or initiated by any of its members and shall make recommendations in connection therewith to the Commission. The functions to be entrusted to the Committee in terms of sub-section (1) shall include the initiation, consideration and recommendation of schemes of works to be undertaken on declared roads: Provided that the provisions of this sub-section shall not preclude the Commission from itself initiating any particular scheme of works to be undertaken on a declared road: Provided further that in the event of a difference of opinion between the Commission and the Committee on any such scheme, the Minister shall consult the Administrator affected before arriving at a decision.

12. (1) The Secretary for Transport shall, subject to the laws governing the public service, be responsible for providing all such officers as may be necessary to assist the Commission and the Committee in the performance of their functions, and all such officers shall be under the control of the Secretary for Transport. All executive and administrative work arising out of the performance of their functions by the bodies mentioned in this section, shall be undertaken by the Department of Transport.

Provision of staff required for administration of this Act, and performance of executive and administrative work.

(2) Any reference in the National Roads Act, 1935, to an officer of the National Road Board shall be deemed to be a reference to an officer of the Department of Transport.

13. (1) All persons who are in the employ of the National Road Board at the date of commencement of this Act (other than the officers of the public service referred to in section *seventeen*) shall at that date become employees of the Government, and any contract of service under which any such person is so employed shall as from that date be deemed to be a contract of service entered into between him and the Government: Provided that by mutual consent such contract may be terminated before the expiration of the period of employment provided therein.

Employees of the National Road Board to become employees of the Union Government and provision with regard to conditions of service.

(2) Subject to the succeeding provisions of this Act, the continuous employment by the National Road Board of any person referred to in subsection (1), prior to the date of commencement of this Act, shall for all purposes other than for pension purposes be deemed to be employment in the service of the Government.

(3) Unless and until they are appointed to posts in the public service in terms of sub-section (4), the conditions of service of all persons referred to in sub-section (1) shall, save as is otherwise specifically provided in this Act, be governed by the laws regulating the service of employees of the Government not being members of the public service: Provided that except with his own consent or in accordance with this Act or any other law, the salary or the scale of salary at or in accordance