

tional, provincial or special roads in terms of section *four* of the National Roads Act, 1935;

(*b*) on its own initiative or by direction of the Minister to investigate, in collaboration with any Administrator affected, any question appertaining to roads in the Union, with particular reference to declared roads and to report thereon to the Minister from time to time, making such recommendations as it may deem necessary;

(*c*) to advise the Minister on road questions which may arise with Governments of neighbouring territories:

(*d*) to direct, in collaboration with the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research established under the Scientific Research Council Act, 1945 (Act No. 33 of 1945), technical research on road construction, road maintenance and materials therefor and on road safety;

(*e*) to submit to the Minister for his approval, after consultation with any Administrator affected and subject to the provisions of sub-section (4) of section *eleven*, schemes of works to be undertaken on declared roads;

(*f*) to prescribe the manner in which plans, specifications and estimates for works, the cost or part of the cost of which is to be defrayed from the Fund, shall be submitted to the Commission;

(*g*) to submit to the Minister annually for his approval estimates of expenditure to be incurred from the Fund;

(*h*) through any of its members or any officer of the Department of Transport to inspect roads and road works in collaboration with the Provincial Administration concerned;

(*i*) to maintain records of all works the cost or part of the cost whereof is being or has been defrayed from the Fund;

(*j*) to recommend to the Minister or to the Administrators the introduction of any legislation relating to roads which it considers desirable;

(*k*) with the approval of the Minister to invest any monies in the Fund which the Commission does not require immediately;

(*l*) generally, to perform any work entrusted to it by the Minister in connection with declared roads, or with roads which, in the opinion of the Minister, deserve consideration with a view to their proclamation under section *four* of the National Roads Act, 1935;

(ii) in relation to motor carrier transportation, to advise and direct local road transportation boards