

Shri S. N. Chaturvedi: May I know whether this test can be applied only to detect the admixture of cow's milk with buffalo's milk or to other admixtures also viz. of cow's milk with goat's milk or sheep's milk?

Shri A. M. Thomas: Buffalo's milk by adulteration is being sold as cow's milk. In fact, it is to avoid this that this test is used. Even if buffalo's milk is mixed to the extent of 1 per cent it can be detected by this process.

Shri D. N. Tiwary: May I know whether the test will be fruitful if sufficient water is added to buffalo's milk and the milk is lighter, so that it may appear like cow's milk?

Shri A. M. Thomas: Even for that case, this test will be useful.

Fire in Cargo Ship

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*284. { **Shri D. C. Sharma:**
Shri P. C. Borooah:

Will the Minister of **Transport** be pleased to state:

(a) whether a cargo ship, "the State of Maharashtra" caught fire at the Alexandra Docks in Bombay on or about the 25th December, 1963;

(b) if so, the damage suffered in the accident; and

(c) the cause of the fire?

The Minister of Shipping in the Ministry of Transport (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). A preliminary enquiry into this accident is in progress to find out the cause and the damage involved.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know when the preliminary enquiry was started and when it is expected to conclude its deliberations?

Shri Raj Bahadur: I cannot exactly give the date as to when it was started. But it will be completed by the end of this month.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know whether there is somebody like the Inspector of Railways who carries out the enquiries in the case of railway accidents or some *ad hoc* committee has been appointed in order to conduct this enquiry?

Shri Raj Bahadur: Enquiries are conducted under the Merchant Shipping Act by the mercantile marine department. It is in pursuance of this that this enquiry has been initiated. The accident occurred on 25th December 1963 and the enquiry must have started in the month of January.

Forest Wealth

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*285. { **Shri D. D. Puri:**
Shri P. R. Chakraverti:

Will the Minister of **Food and Agriculture** be pleased to state:

(a) how far Vanamahotsav campaigns have helped increase the forest wealth of the country;

(b) how long Government propose continuing such campaigns; and

(c) the annual cost of the campaign?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Shinde): (a) The Vanamahotsav campaign is helping a great deal in increasing the forest wealth of the country by persuading people to plant as many trees on the occasion as possible.

(b) As we are deficient in regard to the area under forest, it is necessary to continue the Vanamahotsav campaign for a long time.

(c) The information is being collected from States/Union Territories and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha when received.

Shri D. D. Puri: May I know whether the Government have assessed the results of this campaign, particularly as to the survival ratio of the trees after one, two and three years?