

- (iii) Vacancies created by the release of technical personnel (Draftsmen, Surveyors, Mistries etc. working as Clerks in Accounts, Stores and other offices) required for technical work as well as those created by sparing staff to organisations like Metropolitan Transport Projects; and
- (iv) 60% of the vacancies which arose in 1970-71.

**Parcel Containing Silver Found Missing at Ahmedabad Station**

5413. SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether one Parcel booked under Railway Parcel Way Bill No. 7571 dated 1st December, 1969 ex. Churu to Parcel Depot, Grant Road, containing silver worth Rs. 23,000/- approximately, was found missing at Ahmedabad station on or about 2nd December, 1969;

(b) if so, whether the claim for compensation of loss of the above consignment was received by the Railway and if so, the amount paid as compensation to the sender; and

(c) whether investigation of the above theft was made by the C.B.I. Branch of Railway Protection Force and if so, the result of investigation and the action taken against the persons found guilty?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA): (a) to (c) Information is being obtained and would be placed on the table of the House.

**Sea-Erosion in South Kanara District, Mysore**

5414. SHRI P. R. SHENOY: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether large scale sea-erosion takes place in South Kanara District in Mysore State during the rainy season; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to stop the menace?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. N. KUREEL): (a) and

(b). The State Government of Mysore have not reported any serious sea erosion problem in South Kanara District. Local erosion had however, occurred near Maravanthe in Coondapur Taluk in 1966 and 1967 and in one place in Udipi Taluk in 1970.

No proposals for any anti-sea erosion measures have been received from the State Government nor has any provision been made for antisea erosion works in the Fourth Plan proposals of the State.

**Setting up of Factory to manufacture Silico Carbide in Gujarat**

5415. SHRI SOMCHAND SOLANKI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to start a factory to produce Silico Carbide for which raw material is easily available from Koyali Refinery at Baroda;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether any proposal has been received by the Government of India from the Gujarat Government for setting up the unit and if so, the reaction of government thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD):

(a) Government have no proposal under consideration to start a factory in the public sector to produce Silicon Carbide. The raw materials required for the production of this item are basically sand and coke, the availability of which is not restricted to the Koyali Refinery area near Baroda.

(b) There is adequate interest in the private sector to set up units for the production of Silicon Carbide which can be at best only in the medium sector. The country's Silicon Carbide requirement is not of a magnitude large enough to warrant the setting up of a unit for its production in the public sector.

(c) No, Sir.

**Construction of Wall on Eastern Side of Tiruchendur Temple Tirunelveli District (Tamil Nadu) to Protect from Sea Erosion**

5416. SHRI BHUVARAHAN: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Tamil Nadu have asked the Central Government for