- (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 HANUMANIHAIYA): (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 raily 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, occured 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 DEVE-LOPMENT 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 DEVELOP-MENT (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 or Tiruchendur Temple Tirunelvcli 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 JULY 20, 1971

some financial assistance for the construction of a protection wall on the Eastern side of the 'Tiruchendur Temple' Tirunelveli District, Tamil Nadu, from sea erosion;

- (b) if so, the amount asked for; and
- (c) the action taken thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. N. KUREEL): (a) to (c). The subramanyaswami Temple at Yiruchendur is not a Centrally protected monument and is under the administrative control of the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowment Department of the Government of Tamil Nadu. The State Government had approached the Ministry of Education and Social Welfare last in June, 1970 for financial aid to the tune of Rs. 6.07,500/- for the construction of a protective bund on the shore on the eastern side of the temple. The request of the State Government was considered by the Government of India but it was not found possible to give any financial aid, The State Government were advised to tackle the problem themselves with the help of the temple authorities.

# मध्यप्रदेश खादी ग्रामोद्योग कोर्ड द्वारा खादी ग्रामोद्योग ग्रायोग से वित्तीय सहायता की मांग

5417. श्र**ी हुकम चन्द कछवाय**ः क्या **ग्रौद्योगिक विकास** मन्त्री यह बताने की क्रुपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या मध्य प्रदेश के खादी ग्रामोद्योग बोर्ड ने राज्य में घरेलू उपयोग के बर्तनों के निर्माण के लिये एकक स्थापित करने हेतु खादी ग्रामोद्योग से वित्तीय सहायता की मांग की है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस बारे में क्या निर्णय किया गया है ?

भौद्योगिक विकास मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री सिद्धेग्वर प्रसाद): (क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

# पूर्वोत्तर रेलवे में लूटपाट की घटनायें

5418. श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय: क्या रेल मंत्रीयह बताने की क्रुपा करेंगे कि:

(क) गत 8 महीनों में पूर्वोत्तर रेलवे पर लटपाट की कितनी घटनाएं हई हैं;

(ख) सरकार द्वारा एकत्रित जानकारी के अनुसार इस प्रकार लूटी गई सरकारी तथा गैर-सरकारी सम्पत्ति का मूल्य कितना है;

(ग) इस सम्बन्घ में कितने व्यक्तियों को गिरफ्तार किया गया है और कितने व्यक्तियों के विरुद्ध मुकदमे दर्ज किये गये हैं; और

(घ) न्यायालयों ने कितने व्यक्तियों को दोषी ठहराया है ?

रेल मंत्री (श्री हनुमंतैया): (क) 74 मामले;

(ख) 15,825.00 रु० की सरकारी सम्पत्ति और 90,663.00 रु० की निजी सम्पत्ति लुटी गयी।

(ग) इस सम्बन्ध में 99 व्यक्ति गिरफ्तार किये गये जिनके विरुद्ध मामले दर्ज किये गये हैं।

(घ) अभी तक कोई नहीं।

# वरास्ता, शिवपुर, ग्वालियर श्रौर कोटा के बीच नई रेल लाइन का बिछाया जाना

5419. श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय: क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार का विचार जनता की सुविधा के लिये और उस क्षेत्र के औद्योगिक विकास तथा वहां की डकैती की समस्या का समा-धान करने के लिए बरास्ता, शिवपुर, ग्वालियर और कोटा के बीच एक नई रेलवे लाइन बिछाने का है;

(ख) क्या सरकार का विचार उपरोक्त लाइन के निर्माण कार्य को चौथी पंचवर्षीय योजना में सम्मिलित करने का है; और