यातायात से टकरा जाने और गाड़ियों में आग लगने की 1,097 दुर्घटनाएं हुईं।

- (ख) इन दुर्घटनाओं के कारण 306 व्यक्तियों की मृत्यु हुई और 1,279 व्यक्ति भायल हुए।
- (ग) रेल सम्पत्ति को लगभग 97,66,871 रुपये की क्षति होने का अनुमान है।

चमड़ा कमाने की सामग्री।

1856. श्री महाराज सिंह भारती : क्या श्रीकोगिक विकास तथा समवाय कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

- (क) चमड़ा कमाने के लिये किन चीजों का आयात किया जाता है और सरकार ने उनका देश में उत्पादन करने के लिये क्या कदम उठाये हैं;
- (ख) क्या पेड़ों की छाल से कमाने की सामग्री तैयार करने के लिए एक कारखाना स्थापित करने का कोई प्रस्ताव है और यदि हां, तो इस कारखाने में कच्चे माल के रूप में कौन से पेड़ों की छाल प्रयोग की जायेगी; और
- (ग) क्या सरकार ने उन पेड़ों को लगाने की कोई योजना बनाई है ?

सौद्योगिक विकास तथा समवाय — कार्य मंत्री (श्री फखरहीन अली अहमद) : (क) और (ख) : चमड़ा कमाने के उद्योग में इस्तेमाल करने की मुख्य आयातित वस्तुएं चमड़ा कमाने की वनस्पति सामग्री जैसे आस्ट्रेलियाई बबूल का सत, उसकी छाल आदि तथा संश्लिष्ट चमड़ा कमाने की सामग्री है।

आस्ट्रेलियाई बबूल की छाल तथा बबूल की छाल आदि जो मद्रास राज्य में उपलब्ध है, को मिलाकर 3,750 मीट्रिक टन प्रति वर्ष सत का निर्माण करने के लिये एक कारखाने को लाइसेंस दे दिया गया है और उसमें हाल ही में उत्पादन गुरू हो गया है। चमड़ा कमाने की संक्लिष्ट सामग्री तैयार करने के लिये तीन अन्य एककों के लिये भी सहमति दे दी गई है जिनकी कुल क्षमता 5,700 मीट्रिक टन वाषिक होगी।

पेड़ों की छाल से चमड़ा कमाने की सामग्री तैयार करने के लिए कारखाना स्थापित करने का कोई अन्य प्रस्ताव नहीं है।

(ग) देश में और विशेषरूप से मद्रास राज्य में आस्ट्रेलियाई बबूल के वृक्ष लयाने के प्रयासों में काफी सफलता मिली है तथा उक्त राज्य में कुल 21,274 एकड़ की दो योजनाओं में भी पर्याप्त सफलता मिली है। आसाम, बम्बई, उड़ीसा, पंजाब, उत्तर प्रदेश और पश्चिम बंगाल में आस्ट्रेलियाई बबूल के वृक्ष लगाने के उपयुक्त क्षेत्रों का पता सगाने की दृष्टि से नसंरी एवं लघु क्षेत्र परीक्षण किये जा रहे हैं।

FLIGHT OF INDUSTRIES FROM WEST BENGAL

1857. SHRI J. K. MONDAL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVE-LOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of the companies which have shifted their head-offices from Howrah and Calcutta and Burdwan Districts of West Bengal during the period from 1st June to 31st October, 1967;
 - (b) the total capital outlay involved; and
- (c) the steps Government propose to take to check the flight of capital from West Bengal on account of labour unrest in that State?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AF-FAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED): (a) and (b). According to the latest available information two companies., viz., P. H. Periwal Brothers Limited, and Meenaxi Wire Industries (Assam) Limited, have transferred their registered offices from Calcutta to other States during the period from 1st June to 31st October, 1967. Two more companies viz., Rallis India Limited and Rank Film Distributors of India Limited, have also made application to the High Court, Calcutta for an order to be allowed to transfer their registered offices from Cal-

cutta. The total assets of these companies are shown below :---

	Name of the Company	Total Assets
		Rs.
(1)	Rallis India Limited	12,95,55,002
(2)	Rank Film Distribu-	
	tors of India Limited	34,41,009
(3)	P. H. Periwal Brothers	
	Limited	7,58,470
(4)	Meenaxi Wire Industries	
	(Assam) Limited .	6,511

(c) Shifting of Head Offices from Calcutta by two companies and applications filed by two others for the same purpose cannot be taken as sufficiently indicative of flight of capital from the State.

NORTHERN RAILWAY LOCO WORKSHOP, AMRITSAR

1859. SHRI YAJNA DATT SHARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that some senior officers are overstaying their terms in the Northern Railway locomotive Workshop at Amritsar; and
- (b) if so, the reasons for not transferring them to other places in accordance with the normal rules governing the stay of these officers at a particular place ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

RESERVATIONS AT BOMBAY CENTRAL STATION

1860, SHRI YAJNA DATT SHARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that serious irregularities regarding the reservation of seats and berths on trains have been detected at Bombay Central Station covering a period of last two to three years;
 - (b) if so, the nature thereof; and
 - (c) the action taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA) : (a) Yes, Sir. Certain irregularities have come to notice.

- (b) The nature of irregularities which have come to notice are indicated in the Stalement.
- (c) Disciplinary proceedings are being instituted against the officers responsible on the advice of the Central Vigilance Commission.

Statement

The nature of irregularities which have come to notice are:-

- 1. Issue of several slips for provision of reserved accommodation resulting from cancellations for persons of choice, ignoring the waitlisted
- 2. Permission given to travel in an unreserved manner to certain persons in coaches, where reservation was obligatory.
- 3. Issue of orders for issue of journey tickets by trains for journeys, which are expressly prohibited by these trains.
- 4. Creation and operation of certain presumptive quotas for reservation of berths and provision of accommodation for persons of choice in pursuance of this operation.
- 5. Interpolation of the names of persons of choice in the entries made in the reservation/waiting list registers.

DECREASE IN REVENUES OF SOUTHERN RAILWAY

1861. SHRI V. KRISHNAMOORTHY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the reasons for the decrease in the revenues of the Southern Railway; and
- (b) the steps Government have taken to raise the efficiency and revenue ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAY (SHRI C. M. POONACHA): (a) There has been no decrease in revenues of the Southern Railway. Earnings during the first six months of the current financial year were slightly higher than earnings in the corresponding period of the previous year. They would have been higher still but for the cancellation of certain trains during the coal crisis in September last and the poor mango and grapes crop.