

(b) No tunnels have been fully completed during 1967.

(c) Work on this project is being phased to synchronise with the completion of the Mangalore Port project. The link from Mangalore to Panambur Port is expected to be ready by November, 1968.

#### PILFERAGE OF COAL FROM RAILWAY WAGONS

4482. SHRI N. SHIVAPPA : }  
Dr. M. SANTOSHAM : }

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of wagons utilised for carrying coal for the Railways on an average per day;

(b) the total quantity of coal pilfered from the railway wagons on an average per day;

(c) the loss incurred by the Railway Exchequer annually as a result of such pilferage; and

(d) whether any action in this regard has been taken against the Railway officers for their negligence and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA) : (a) 2125 broad gauge wagons daily.

(b) and (c). It is not possible to assess the total quantity of coal pilfered from the wagons on an average per day and to estimate the actual loss suffered by the Railways on this account.

(d) Railway staff are severely taken up when found responsible for negligence in their duties resulting in pilferage of coal which may amount to even dismissal/removal from service.

#### DISBANDING OF RAILWAY PROTECTION FORCE

4483. SHRI RAMACHANDRA VEE-RAPPA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering the proposal to disband the Railway Protection Force and to assign part of its duties to the State Police Force; and

(b) if so, what would be the saving as a result thereof and when the scheme is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA) : (a) No such proposal is under consideration.

(b) Does not arise.

#### JAPANESE INDUSTRIAL DELEGATION

4484. SHRI RAMACHANDRA VEE-RAPPA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Japanese Industrial Delegation visited India in September, 1967; and

(b) If so, the prospects regarding the investment in India by the Japanese Private Sector?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

#### HANDICRAFT SALES CENTRE FOR MANIPUR IN DELHI

4485. SHRI M. MEGHACHANDRA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a small plot of land is being allotted by Government, free of cost, for constructing a handicraft Sales Centre for Manipur, in Connaught Place, New Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether the Government of Manipur has made any request in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Ministry of Works, Housing and Supply have allotted certain emporia plots on Irwin Road to various State Governments. Out of these, it has been tentatively decided to allot one plot to the Government