THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) Twenty times.

(b) No, Sir.

Housing of Railway Employees

*64. SHRI R. K. MHALGI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to lease out the railway land adjoining the railway lines and yards to the railway employees to construct their own houses;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the plans for making adequate arrangements for housing the railway employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFAR SHARIEF):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Railways build their own quarters for housing their staff, based on the requirements at various stations and depending upon availability of funds.

Session in South

*65. SHRI AMAR ROY PRADHAN: SHRI K. LAKKAPPA:

Will the Minister of PARLIA-MENTARY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any intention or any proposal to hold the Parliament Session in South; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action so far taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMEN-TARY AFFAIRS (SHRI BHISHMA NARAIN SINGH): In March 1980, 433 Members of Parliament submitted a representation to the Prime Minister requesting that the next session of Parliament be held at Bangalore. The feasibility of the proposal to held a session of Parliament annually at Bangalore is under consideration of Government.

Raid on the Houses of Railway Employees for foreign Tickets and Warrants.

*66. SHRI DINEN BHATTACH-ARYA: Will the Minister of RAIL-WAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was a raid in the houses of some employees of Patna Junction and Danapur of Eastern Railway about forged tickets and warrants etc;

(b) if so, when and how many forged tickets etc. have been received;

(c) what is the estimated loss of earnings of Patna Junction during the past three years;

(d) how many railway employees both Gazetted and non-Gazetted are involved in the case and whether enquiries in connection with acquisition of assets disproportionate to their income have been completed;

(e) if so, with what result; and

(f) what steps Government have taken to ensure that enquiries are impartial and not influenced by officers and all the facts are brought to light?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF):

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) The House searches were conducted on 29-12-79 and 29-1.1980. No forged railway ticket was recovered, but 8 Railway Warrants bearing stamps of Criminal Investigation Department, Intelligence Branch, Bihar and Bihar Military Police Bat-