

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government for the permanent solution of the draught problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) to (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Screening of Railway Employees

1206. SHRI B. L. SHARMA PREM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be please to state:

(a) whether the screening of the temporary railway workers serving for years is an essential procedure;

(b) if so, the objectives thereof;

(c) the total number of employees screened on Northern Railway during the last three years; and

(d) the details regarding the plan to screen the remaining employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) and (b). Screening of railway casual labour/substitute having temporary states is an essential requirement to adjudge their suitability for regularising their services.

(c)	1990-91	1748
	1991-92	3000
	1992-93	7046

(d) As per the extant instructions, all Group 'D' vacancies barring a few exceptions like compassionate appointments,

sports appointments like compassionate appointments, sports appointments and recruitment in workshops etc. are mostly being filled up by absorbing screened casual labour/substitutes.

Screening is a continuous process and regularisation/absorption of casual labourers is dependent upon availability of vacancies.

Production of Ground nut and Wheat

1207. SHRI DILEEPBHAI SANGHANI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the targets fixed for the production of groundnut and wheat for each State during 1993-94; and

(b) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to increase the production and to achieve target of self-reliance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Statement enclosed.

(b) To increase the production of Groundnut the centrally sponsored Oil-seeds Production Programme (OPP) is under implementation in all the major groundnut growing States of the country. The assistance is provided on Basic key inputs like seeds, PP measures and improved farm implements etc. to the farmers. In addition the technology is demonstrated through organising demonstration by the I.C.A.R. and State Department of Agriculture. Price Support Scheme and Market Intervention Operation are undertaken to give remuneration to the farmers.