

(d) if so, steps taken for their absorption; and

(e) whether the work at present is being done by contractors, if so, reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH): (a) and (b). Approximately 20000 applications have been received but processing could not be done due to the large number of applications and also disturbed conditions.

(c) and (d). The unit had 47 casual labour as on 1.4.90. 43 of these casual workers have been screened and empanelled for absorption against regular posts. Posting orders for 15 of the empanelled casual labour have been issued, the remaining 28 empanelled are expected to be absorbed on availability of vacancies in the coming months. Four remaining workers have put in not more than 4 years of service and have not yet been screened.

(e) Works at present are being done both departmentally and through contract according to needs. The works involving changes in working installation where safety of train running is involved are generally carried out departmentally. Other works which are labour intensive and are of seasonal nature are normally entrusted to Contractors.

Ban on molasses based Industrial Alcohol Items

8827. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM

AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of items produced from molasses based industrial alcohol have been banned;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether there is any demand to lift the ban on all these items; and

(c) if so, when the decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Performance of Power Sector

8828. SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJU: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the planned and actual power production during the first three months of 1990, month-wise;

(b) whether there has been a shortfall in production and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the remedial steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) and (b). The energy generation target vis-a-vis actual generation in the country during the first three months of 1990 is indicated below:—

(Figures in MU)

	<i>January, 1990</i>	<i>February, 1990</i>	<i>March, 1990</i>
<i>Total</i>			
Target	23403	21581	23861