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3.	Wanakbori	4675	2920
4.	Ahmedabad Elect. Co. (Sabarmati)	2137	1208
5.	Dhuvaran	3094	negligible (Oil fired Power Station)
6.	Utran	327	— (Gas fired Power Station)

Fair Return of Investment to Shopkeepers of Fair Price Shops

4011. SHRI RANJITSINGH GAEKWAD : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to suggest to Government of Gujarat to examine the whole structure of fair price shops so that a fair return on investment to the shopkeepers is assured and the system works effectively for the benefits of poor; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT) : (a) and (b). Central Government, from time to time, has been impressing upon all State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations, including Government of Gujarat, to revamp the Public Distributions System by strengthening the infrastructural facilities and also to expand the commodity coverage of fair price shops with a view to improving their viability and to set up consumer advisory committees at district/block/village level to watch and ensure regular and timely availability of essential commodities in fair price shops. Guidelines have also been issued to all States/Union Territories for opening new fair price shops wherever required, to ensure that no consumer should have to travel a long distance for getting

essential commodities; introduction of mobile fair price shops in tribal and interior areas, evolving of system of effective coordination amongst various agencies engaged in the task of procurement, storage and distribution of PDS items; for strengthening enforcement measures and to draw up schedules for appropriate training of employees engaged in PDS work.

[*Translation*]

Daily Wage Workers in Posts and Telecommunications Departments

4012. SHRI RAJ KUMAR RAI :
SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the State-wise categorywise number of daily wage workers working in Posts and Telecommunications Departments as on 15 February 1987;

(b) the number of workers out of them working for the last 5, 10, 12 and 15 years; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to regularise them ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS
(SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) :
POSTAL :