

(c) whether Government have made study in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. C. SETHI) : (a) Molasses produced by vacuum pan sugar factories and open pan Khandsari units can be used for the production of alcohol. Alcohol can be and is used as feedstock for production of a number of chemicals. It can also be used in admixture with motor spirit.

(b) Molasses produced by vacuum pan sugar factories as well as open pan Khandsari units, is already within the purview of the Molasses Control Order, 1961, in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Gujarat, Karnataka, Kerala, Orissa, Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu. The States of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Maharastra, Punjab, West Bengal and Haryana have their own Molasses Control Orders. These orders do not as yet cover molasses produced by open pan Khandsari units.

(c) and (d). An Inter-Departmental Committee examined the question of use of alcohol in admixture with motor spirit and its report was considered by Government. Though the technical feasibility of such blending has been established it is not possible to pursue the programme of blending at present due to inadequate availability of alcohol.

Damodar Valley Corporation Target and Production

3388. SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether any target has been fixed for generation of power by the Damodar Valley Corporation;

(b) the daily generation of power in the D.V.C. during the last six months;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the D.V.C. propose to explore the possibilities of setting up more Super Thermal Power Plants; and

(d) if so, the location thereof and the details relating thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) Details of generation targets fixed for the last six months are as follows:

Monthly Target

March 81	428 MU
April 81	477 "
May 81	478 "
June 81	444 "
July 81	504 "
Aug. 81	489 "

This is generally much higher as compared to last two years.

(b) The average daily generation of power in DVC during the last six months is as follows:

March 81	17.3 MU
April 81	17.1 MU
May 81	16.1 MU
June 81	14.9 MU
July 81	16.0 MU
Aug. 81	17.2 MU

(c) and (d). D.V.C. has proposed the setting up of two thermal power stations of 1050 MW capacity each at Maithon using coal from Mugma and Salanpur coalfields. The project feasibility report of this scheme is presently under examination.

Opening of Public Call Offices in Koraput District (Orissa)

3389. SHRI K. PRADHANI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Public Call Offices that have been sanctioned by the Union Government during the current financial year to be opened in Koraput District (Orissa) and other districts of Orissa;

(b) whether Government propose giving preference to the Tribal areas; and

(c) if so, what are the details regarding the standard adopted by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KARTIK ORAON): (a) Information furnished in attached statement.