

into the extent and nature of the problem in all the industries, would involve heavy expenditure, time and labour, it has been decided that for the present special surveys should be undertaken in the following industries in which the percentage of contract labour is fairly high:

- (1) Building and construction;
- (2) Iron Ore Mines;
- (3) Ports;
- (4) Railways; and
- (5) Petroleum.

So far as Iron Ore mines are concerned, a questionnaire has been issued and field investigation has started. The work in the other industries will be started soon. The enquiry is likely to be completed in about a year's time.

#### Asian Regional Nuclear Centre in Manila

193. { Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:  
Shri Vajpayee:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received an invitation from the U.S. Government to send representatives to Washington to consider the establishment of an Asian Regional Nuclear Centre in Manila; and

(b) if so, the action Government have taken in that regard?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government's delegation is at present attending the meeting at Washington.

#### Bagasse

194. { Shri Shankaralya:  
Shri Keshava:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether any licence has been granted for the manufacture of paper

out of Bagasse at Mandya (Sugar Factory) Mysore State;

(b) if so, what is the progress made so far;

(c) whether any assistance from Government has been sought for and if so, with what result; and

(d) when the factory is likely to be started?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Morarji Desai): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The licence was issued in April, 1957, and according to conditions of the licence, 'Effective Steps' are to be taken by the 5th January, 1958.

(c) The request of the firm for the issue of capital and import of plant and machinery on deferred payment terms is under consideration.

(d) Regular production may be started in early 1961.

#### Activated Charcoal

195. Shri V. P. Nayar: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the present production of activated charcoal in India; and

(b) the estimated quantity produced from the rice husk?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Morarji Desai): (a) 25 tons per year

(b) 25 tons per year

#### Ambar Charkha Programme

196. Shri Mohamed Imam: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) when the Ambar Charkha scheme was introduced;

(b) the amount spent so far on the implementation of this scheme;

(c) the amount given as grants and loans,