

(c) The cut imposed in March, 1974 was 15 per cent as compared to 20 per cent in February, 1974 and 15 per cent in January, 1974.

(d) The Central Government have no proposal for taking over of the wholesale and /or retail trade of kerosene. However, if one or more State Governments wish to take over the wholesale and/or retail trade of kerosene, the Central Government would have no objection to this after satisfying itself that the takeover arrangements will not result in any inconvenience to the genuine consumers

Work-to-rule agitation by Engineers of Badarpur Thermal Power Station

6127 SHRI RAM BHAGAT
PASWAN:
SHRI YAMUNA PRASAD
MANDAL:

Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether engineers of Badarpur Thermal Power Station resorted to work-to-rule agitation recently; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) and (b). The Engineers of Badarpur Thermal Power Station launched an agitation to work-to-rule by passing a resolution on 1-3-1974 not to work on Sundays and holidays as their main demands for grant of construction allowance for field staff, and generation allowance for operation and maintenance staff had not been accepted by Government till then.

These demands have since been considered and Government have agreed to grant a "Special Construction Allowance for Badarpur" admissible to those employed on construction work and a "Generation Allowance" to the technical staff working on the operation and maintenance of the Power

Station who are not in receipt of any other special pay or overtime allowance.

Although the work-to-rule resolution has not been withdrawn formally, the working in the Project is normal.

Export of Surplus Naphtha

6128. SHRI RAM BHAGAT
PASWAN:
SHRI YAMUNA PRASAD
MANDAL:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether at present the production of Naphtha in the country is much more than what is consumed by fertiliser factories; and

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to export surplus Naphtha?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI SHAHNAZ KHAN): (a) The production of Naphtha in the country is less than the total planned requirements. However at present Naphtha consumption is low due to the various difficulties of some of existing Fertilisation Plants, and slippages/teething troubles in commissioning of some of the new Fertiliser Plants.

(b) Yes, Sir.

Promotion of ASMs of Allahabad Division as Asst. Yard Masters (Northern Railway)

6129. SHRI JAGANNATH RAO
JOSHI:
SHRI HAMENDRA SINGH
BANERA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) In September last how many ASMs of Allahabad Division of grade