

(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

	<i>January, 1990</i>	<i>February, 1990</i>	<i>March, 1990</i>
<b>Actual</b>	21961	19765	21694
<b>%</b>	93.8	91.6	90.9

The following are generally attributable to shortfall in generation:—

- (1) Backing down because of low system demands.
- (2) Inherent equipment constraints.
- (3) Inferior quality of coal.
- (4) Non-availability of full requirement of coal.
- (5) System load condition.
- (6) Ageing of the units and unplanned outage thereof.
- (7) Adverse hydro/thermal mix ratio.
- (8) Reactor problems in some of the Atomic Power Stations and un-schedule maintenance thereof.
- (9) Low rainfall affecting reservoir levels.

(c) Various steps taken to augment the power generation in the country include; intensive monitoring of performance of the existing power stations, extending assistance to the State Electricity Boards in procurement of spares, supply of requisite quantity and quality of coal, training of power station personnel, implementation of short gestation projects and Centrally sponsored Renovation and Modernisation Programme in uprating the existing power stations, expediting commissioning of the new generating capacity, etc.

### **Prices of DMT**

8829. SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJ;  
SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJES-  
WARI:

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

(a) whether Union Government have advised the DMT manufacturers to sell DMT at a certain price level as indicated by BICP; (b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) to what extent, the DMT producers have reduced the prices?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) to (c). There is no price control over DMT which is the key input for polyester industry. However, as polyester industry is closely linked with Textiles, an item for mass consumption, close watch is kept over prices of all key input such as DMT. Accordingly Government has requested DMT producers from time to time to maintain price discipline in accordance with the cost of their input for DMT based on the advice of BICP. DMT manufacturers have adjusted their prices accordingly downwards.

### **Crisis in Industrial Units in Dadra and Nagar Haveli**

8830. SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJ: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of industrial