

geothermal energy are also in progress.

Drilling to find out oil

169. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of places where the ONGC has undertaken the work of drilling to find out the oil in different States so far; and

(b) the names of the places where drilling work is likely to be undertaken during the current financial year ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI) : (a) ONGC has so far undertaken drilling for oil in the following

regions: Kutch-Saurashtra, Rajasthan, Upper Assam Platform, Assam-Arakan Fold Belt, Bengal, Himalayan Foothills, Ganga Valley and Godavari-Krishna-Godavari.

(b) During 1986-87 drilling is planned in all the above basins.

Bakreshwar Thermal Power Project

170. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) it is a fact that the proposal for setting up of the Bakresh-

war thermal power project is likely to be finalised during the current year; and

(b) if not, by when it is likely to be finalised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI) : (a) and (b) The Bakreshwar thermal power project in the State sector has been techno-economically approved by the Central Electricity Authority, merited decision on forest clearance from the West Bengal State Forest Department has been received, coal linkage has been established, and the funding pattern has been determined.

Flouting of reservation laws by Multinational Companies

171. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD : SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government has been drawn to a proposal captioned "MNGs flour - paste, powder reservation laws" as reported in the "Economic Times" dated the 18th June, 1986; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to check it?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI) : () Yes, Sir.