

(d) the details about the programme proposed to be undertaken there in the Sixth Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKAR): (a) Oil India Limited.

(b) Nil.

(c) An amount of Rs. 57 crores has been provided for oil exploration in this basin in the year 1982-83.

(d) Depending upon the results of seismic surveys being conducted and in case drillable sites are identified, about fourteen wells could be drilled in this basin.

Exploration of oil and gas reserves around Calcutta

346. SHRI B. C. PATTANAYAK: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has any proposal to undertake survey in and around Calcutta City to explore the possibility of oil and gas reserve;

(b) if so, by when the survey work is expected to be started in that area;

(c) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Commission has been entrusted with the work of conducting the survey; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The survey work is expected to commence sometime during July, 1982.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) In the city of Calcutta and its industrial neighbourhood where conventional seismic survey with explosives is not possible, it is proposed to carry out vibroseis surveys to resolve

and confirm the broad "Calcutta gravity high." This survey is expected, to continue during 1982-83.

Setting up of a fertilizer plant at Partapur- in Meerut District

347. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to set up a Fertilizer Plant at Partapur in Meerut District;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c) It is proposed to set up four gas-based fertilizer plants in Uttar Pradesh. The report of the Site Selection Committee containing a detailed techno-economic evaluation of the various possible sites has already been received. A decision on the exact locations of the plants is expected to be taken soon after the appraisal of the report is over. Action to finalise other details can be taken only thereafter.

Discovery of oil/gas in the country

348. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of places (State-wise) where oil/gas has been struck during 1980, 1981 and 1982 till date;

(b) the estimated rate of flow of oil/ gas per day in each place; and

(c) the number of places (State-wise) where drilling for oil/gas is being carried out at present for discovery.