

installed capacity. These steps include:—

- (a) assistance to the State Electricity Boards to undertake plant betterment programmes and better preventive maintenance schedule;
- (b) identification of deficiency in design of equipments and taking up programme of their rectification and replacement;
- (c) arranging timely supply of spare parts from indigenous and foreign suppliers
- (d) supply of adequate quality of coal of right quality. Defaulting collieries are being identified and the representatives of power stations posted there for joint sampling. Coal companies have been required to intensify hand picking of stones, shales and other extraneous materials so as to improve the quality. Coal companies have also been advised to instal portable/permanent crushers at mines and undertake appropriate coal beneficiation programmes.

- (iv) undertaking training programmes for engineers and technical personnel entrusted with the operation and maintenance of power stations.

(f) The power shortage during January, 1981 has already come down to 14 per cent as compared to power shortage to the extent of 21 per cent during January, 1980.

Visit of British Mining Mission to India

1244. SHRI GHOUSE MOHIUDDIN SHEIKH: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a British Mining Mission visited India recently;

(b) whether any agreement to develop coal mines in the country with latest British technology has been signed; and

(c) if so, what are the main features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Coal India propose to develop one mine near Asansol and another mine in East Bokaro Coalfield with British Assistance. M/s. British Mining Consultants are to prepare feasibility reports in respect of these two mines for which data collection is in progress.

Oil deposits in Ankleshwar oil fields area

1245. PROF. RAMLAL PARIKH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that new oil deposits have been found in Ankleshwar oil fields area by the Oil and Natural Gas Commission Drilling Unit;

(b) if so, what is the exact location and what is the likely quantum of crude oil and associate gas or natural gas in this oil well; and

(c) by when Government propose to utilise this gas and oil and for which purpose?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) and (b) No new oil deposits have been found in Ankleshwar oil fields area by ONGC. However, gas has recently been struck at Dahej Structure about 25 Kms. West of Broach Town.

(c) It is too early to say anything in the matter at this stage, since the potential of the find has still to be established.

Gas generation from lignite in Kutch area

1246. PROF. RAMLAL PARIKH: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the gas will be generated from lignite in Kutch area of Gujarat;