(b) The latest technology for various constituent units has been selected keeping in view ; process operability, catalyst efficiency, maintainability, energy integration/conservation, process economics, product range and specification. A provision of Rs.2138 crore as Capital Subsidy on fixed cost basis (phased during the construction period of five years at constant prices) and Rs.908.91 crore (spread over a 15 year operation period at constant prices) has been kept to maintain economic viability of the Project.

(c) As per the information received from BCPL, as of now, there is a delay of about six months. However, catch up plan is in place and efforts are on to remove the backlog for timely project completion.

Project cost of Rs.5460.61 crore (as per the detailed feasibility report) is based on costs of 2005.

Oil and Gas Reserves in NER

255. SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA: Will the Ministry of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the oil exploration efforts in the North Eastern Region (NER), Brahmaputra valley and where several seismic surveys have been completed;

(b) the estimate of oil and gas reserves in the NER along with the constraints, if any, in the areas;

(c) whether Government has any concrete plan in the region to tap the oil and gas potential as was done in other parts of the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA): (a) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC), Oil India Limited (OIL) and Private/Joint Venture Companies carry out exploration work in the North Eastern region including Brahmaputra valley. The details of exploratory work carried out by ONGC, OIL and private/JV companies in this region are as under:

	ONGC	OIL	Pvt/JV	Total
2D seismic (ground line kilometer)	37939	22360	4394	64693
3D seismic (Square Km.)	4731	6299	1097	12127
Exploratory Wells	825	236	10	1071

(b) The balance recoverable reserves as on 1.4.2010 in the North Eastern States are 624.33 MMT of Oil and 235.17 BCM Natural Gas.

(c) and (d) The blocks are offered through New Exploration Licensing Policy bid rounds for exploration and production of oil & gas so as to exploit the potential in the North East Region. Government of India has awarded 28 blocks in the region under the PSC regime. Further, the resource estimation of oil shale in some parts of Assam and Arunachal Pradesh has been completed.

Committee to Monitor MGNREGS work

256. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formed a committee to enquire and monitor the Mahatma Gandhi National rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) works all over the country;

(b) the number of members in this committee;

(c) whether a detailed representation containing particulars of irregularities and fraud was sent to Government from Andhra Pradesh recently, highlighting the anomalies and problems in certain areas of Andhra Pradesh;

(d) whether Government has given any directions for an on the spot enquiry into this matter; and

(e) the details of schedule of such on the spot enquiries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRADEEP JAIN): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Government has not formed any committee to enquire and monitor the Mahatma Gandhi NREGA works all over the country. However, Mahatma Gandhi NREG Act in Section 10(1) provides for constitution of a Council called the Central Employment Guarantee Council (CEGC) for an overall monitoring of the implementation of the Act. CEGC was constituted *vide* notification dated 22.9.2006. The Central Council was reconstituted *vide* notification dated 24.9.2009. There are 43 members in the Central Council.

(c) Yes, Sir. The Ministry has received a complaint from Sh. K. Yerrannaidu, Ex-leader, Telugu Desam Parliamentary Party, regarding irregularities in the implementation of Mahatma Gandhi NREGA in Andhra Pradesh.

(d) Yes, Sir. A member of Central Employment Guarantee Council has been asked to enquire into the matter.