

sugarcane, and yet which have alcohol based industries as West Bengal. We are trying to give them as much as possible under the circumstances.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

### WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

#### Malaviya Committee Report on O.N.G.C.

\*243. SHRI N. G. GORAY:

SHRI KALI MUKHERJEE:

DR. Z. A. AHMAD:

SHRI V. B. RAJU:

SHRI J. S. TILAK:

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:

SHRI GURMUKH SINGH MUSAFAIR:

SHRI KRISHAN KANT:

SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question No. 1722 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 26th March, 1973 and state:

(a) whether any final decision has been taken on the report of the Malaviya Committee on re-organisation of the Oil and Natural Gas Commission; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI D. K. BOROOAH): (a) and (b) An action-taken report detailing the various recommendations of the Malaviya Committee for review of the Oil and Natural Gas Commission along with Government's decisions thereon was laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha on August 23, 1973. The recommendations relating to re-organisation/reconstitution of the ONGC which are of far-reaching character are under consideration.

#### Revision of crude oil prices by Gulf countries

\*244. SHRI LOKANATH MISRA:

SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO:

DR. K. MATHEW KURIAN:  
SHRI SUNDAR MANI PATEL:  
SHRI M. K. MOHTA:  
SHRI V. K. SAKHLECHA:  
SHRI CHANDRAMOULI JAGGARLAMUDI:  
SHRI DEBANANDA AMAT:  
SHRI K. L. N. PRASAD:

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

(a) the revised prices of crude oil fixed by oil producing Gulf countries;

(b) the extent of additional burden on India due to the increased prices of crude oil during the year 1974;

(c) whether it is proposed to cut down import of crude oil and if so, to what extent; and

(d) the extent to which reduced crude oil imports would affect industry and agriculture?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI D. K. BOROOAH): (a) and (b) In view of the present uncertain conditions it is too early to give any precise indication of the prices for the import of crude oil or to indicate the extent of additional burden due to increased price of crude oil during 1974.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Intensive efforts are being made at all levels so as to ensure that there are no undue strains on the economy of the country.

#### Proposal for setting up a Coal-based Fertilizer Plant

\*245. SHRI N. R. CHOUDHURY:

SHRI SARDAR AMJAD ALI:

MISS SAROJ PURUSHOTTAM KHAPARDE:

SHRI HARSH DEO MALAVIYA:

SHRI IBRAHIM KALANIYA:

SHRI JANARDHANA REDDY:

SHRI VITHAL GADGIL:

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

(a) whether Government have approached the Imperial Chemical Industries for