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Oil Exploration by India in Vietnam

4285. SHRI ANAND SINGH : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether India has undertaken the responsibility for exploration in off-shore Vietnam as part of a big economic package agreement concluded during the recent visit of the Prime Minister to that country; and

(b) if so, the terms of the deal ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) (a) and (b). India and Vietnam have agreed to consider the possibility of co-operation for exploration of hydrocarbons by the ONGC in off-shore South Vietnam.

Agreement with USSR on Oil Industry Cooperation

4286. SHRI MURLIDHAR MANE :
SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether an agreement was signed in September, 1984 with USSR for oil industry co-operation for 1985-1990;

(b) if so, whether this has been put into implementation;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any working plan for the remaining period has been drawn up; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. At the second meeting of the working group on oil industry under the Indo-Soviet inter-governmental commission on economic scientific and technical cooperation held in Moscow from Sept. 5 to Sept. 12, 1984 the working programme for the

main fields of cooperation for the years 1985-1990 was signed. The implementation of this programme has already commenced. It covers seismic survey, well logging and drilling in onshore basins, workover and remedial works on wells, introduction of mechanized methods of oil production, reservoir engineering, supply of drilling and production equipment, deputation of soviet experts to India and training of Indian experts in the USSR.

(d) and (e). As a part of the general agreement entered into between ONGC and Technoexport, USSR, the latter would carry out intensive and integrated exploration of hydrocarbons in two on-shore basins of India (namely Cambay and Cauvery basins) on a turn key basis. This project, 70% of the total cost of which would be covered by Soviet credit, would be terminated at the conclusion of the works by the end of 1995 unless specifically extended by mutual agreement.

Projected Power Requirement of Kerala

4287. PROF. P. J. KURIEN :
SHRI P. A. ANTHONY :

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) the projected power requirement and production of Kerala during the Seventh Five Year Plan;

(b) how is the gap going to be filled;

(c) whether it is a fact that no Central investment has so far been made in the power sector in Kerala;

(d) whether there is any proposal to set up any power plant in the Central sector in Kerala during the Seventh Five Year Plan; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) The 12th Power Survey Committee reported that the energy requirement and availability in Kerala were estimated as 8647 MU and 7157 MU respectively at the end of the Seventh Plan period,