

(a) whether the Government had asked the Gas Authority of India to set up a Gas Cracker Complex at Auraiya in Etawah district of Uttar Pradesh in September, 1989;

(b) whether the project has been set up;

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay; and

(d) the time by which it is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH KUMAR SHARMA): (a) to (d). Government's approval for the project has been given in September 1992 and the project, with an approved cost of Rs. 2941.48 crores is now under implementation.

[English]

#### **Exploration of Oil and Natural Gas in Rajasthan**

485. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of blocks identified in different parts of the country for exploration of oil by Indian and International companies as on December 31, 1992;

(b) whether some more blocks have recently been identified for exploration by ONGC;

(c) if so, whether any block has been identified in the Rajasthan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH KUMAR

SHARMA): (a) to (d). In the Fourth Round of Bidding floated in September, 1991, 72 blocks (39 offshore and 33 onshore) including 5 in Rajasthan were offered for exploration to companies. The contract for one block in the Barmer-Sanchor basin area in Rajasthan has been awarded to a consortium led by M/s. Anadarko Petroleum Corporation, U.S.A. In the Fifth Round floated in January, 1993, 45 blocks (29 offshore, 15 on shore and one onshore block extending into offshore) have been offered, of which 5 fall in the State of Rajasthan.

#### **Lease for Mining in Orissa**

486. DR. KARTIKESWAR PATRA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have urged the Government of Orissa to review the existing policy of granting lease for various mining;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the State Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

#### **Diabetes Control**

487. PROF. ASHOK ANANTRAO DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an alarming increase in the prevalence of diabetes in the country; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to control diabetes in the country?