

long term objective of the Project is to evolve industrial pollution control technologies. The project is spread over a period of three years and the total cost of the project is Rs. 497 lakhs, including UNDP contribution of US \$ 2,85 million which includes technical expertise, study tours, followships and equipment. The UNIDO is the Executing Agency of the Project on behalf of UNDP.

#### Fire Accidents In Cochin Refinery

5510. PROF. K.V. THOMAS : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state :

(a) the steps taken by the Cochin Refinery, Kerala to prevent fire accidents in the Refinery after the major fire disaster in March 1984 ;

(b) whether it has been brought to the notice of Government that frequent accidents have taken place in Cochin Refinery after the March, 1984 fire disaster ; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take to prevent major fire accidents in Cochin Refinery ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) Cochin Refinery Limited are carrying out major modifications to safety and fire fighting facilities which are expected to be completed in 1986-87.

(b) There have been some minor accidents during recommissioning/construction work after 8th March, 1984.

(c) The implementation of programme at (a) above is expected to prevent the recurrence of major fire accidents.

#### Survey of Oil and LPG in Portonovo Area of South Arcot District (Tamil Nadu)

5511. DR. P. VALLAL PERUMAN : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Commission have surveyed the Portonovo area of South Arcot district in Tamil Nadu for Oil and LPG,

(b) if so, whether there is any commercial value of LPG found in that area ;

(c) whether the ONGC is further making any preparations for more crude research ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) ONGC have conducted surveys in this area for Oil. LPG is a refined product,

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). Siesmic surveys are being continued in Ariyalur—Pondicherry depression, of which the Portonovo area forms a part.

#### Profits earned by ONGC and Oil India Ltd, from Import of Petroleum Products

5512. DR. P. VALLAL PERUMAN : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state :

(a) the total quantity of petrol produced in the country ;

(b) the total quantity of crude imported ;

(c) the total amount of foreign exchange involved in the import of petroleum products ; and

(d) the profits earned by Oil and Natural Gas Commission and Oil India Limited annually ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) provisionally 2.10 million tonnes during 1984-85.