

ment of equipment etc. The revised cost estimate of the project has been assessed upto June, 1986 which is of the order of Rs. 117.77 crores. As per the revised schedule, the project is likely to be completed by September, 1988.

To ensure completion of the project as per revised schedule, the following steps have been taken:

- i) Close monitoring of the project at various levels;
- ii) HEC has strengthened its supervision to streamline the work at site;
- iii) multiple shifts have been introduced;
- iv) manpower has been augmented.

Joint Oil Exploration Surveys by ONGC and USSR

42. SHRI SAMHAJIRAO
KAKADE:
SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE
PATIL:

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

(a) whether joint oil exploration surveys were carried out recently by the Oil and Natural Gas Commission (ONGC) and Soviet Union;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether USSR will drill more oil wells in Cambay and Cauvery; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATU-

RAL GAS (SHRI BRAHMA DUTT): (a) and (b). A joint Indo-Soviet seismic survey party is currently working in Daganga area in West Bengal. The party has acquired 67 GLK of seismic data during the current field season.

(c) and (d). V/O Technoexport of the USSR have a plan to drill 46 wells in Cauvery and 26 wells in Cambay (North) onshore basins under the intensive integrated exploration programme. Drilling of the first well has commenced in Cambay basin in September 1987, and in Cauvery basin in November 1987.

Setting up of Energy Conservation Commission

43. SHRI V. SREENIVASA
PRASAD:
SHRI BANWARI LAL PURO-
HIT:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up an Energy Conservation Commission to make energy conservation more effective;

(b) if so, when the proposed commission will be set up;

(c) the details of the recommendations made by the Kapoor Committee on energy conservation; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to implement the recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHTAGI): (a) No decision has so far been taken to set up an Energy Conservation Commission.

(b) Does not arise.