

(c) Yes, Sir. The ONGC is setting up a gas fractionation plant at Uran near Bombay for extraction of LPG from Bombay High gas. The plant is based on the cryogenic process, with a design to fractionate a 50:50 mixture of associated and non-associated gas to the extent of 4 million cubic metres per day.

The production of LPG from this plant is expected to commence in early 1981. Initially, the plant will produce around 3,300 tonnes of LPG per month which is expected to be raised to 10,000 tonnes per month in the second quarter of 1981-82. However, when the plant operates on its full capacity, the LPG recoverable would be around 1,80,000 tonnes per annum and this is expected to be achieved in late 1982.

Survey of continental shelf for Oil

316. SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work of survey of continental shelf for oil has been completed;

(b) if so, the areas that have been covered;

(c) what are the findings regarding prospects of oil in these areas; and

(d) when drilling is likely to commence?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) Not yet, sir.

(b) Systematic reconnaissance seismic survey over the Indian continental shelf (upto a water depth of 200 metres) has been completed to the extent of 90 per cent. The areas still to be covered are Saurashtra offshore Basin (Block II-A), off Visakhapatnam-Gopalpur (Block V) and shallow marine part of the Bay of Bengal adjoining the Sunderbans.

(c) Exploratory drilling has been undertaken by the ONGC in 43 structures besides the Bombay High. Out of these 43 structures, oil/gas has been established in 18 structures.

(d) Depending on the availability of suitable rigs, drilling operations in the North Tapti, Kutch Offshore and Mahim offshore areas are planned to be taken up during the current year.

Supply of Coal for Kolaghat Power Station

317. SHRI SUDHIR KUMAR GIRI: Will the Minister of ENERGY AND IRRIGATION AND COAL be pleased to state the details of steps taken by Government to supply coal and wagons to Kolaghat Power Station?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND COAL (SHRI A.B.A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURI): The Scheme for the setting up of a Thermal Power Station at Kolaghat in West Bengal comprising of three units of 210 MW each scheduled to be commissioned progressively during 81-84 is under implementation. Coal for these units is expected to be transported from Raniganj Coalfields to Kolaghat area in South Eastern Railway.

The proposal of West Bengal State Electricity Board for addition of 3x210 MW units proposed to be commissioned gradually during the period 1984-85 to 1986-87 at Kolaghat as an extension of the on-going scheme has been examined by the Central Electricity Authority. The Department of Coal has indicated that coal for these extension units could be available from a new open cast mine in Sonapur Bazari area in Raniganj coalfields.

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318. श्री रीतलाल प्रसाद वर्मा: क्या ऊर्जा, और कोयला मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

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