

With the commissioning of the above projects the installed generating capacity in the state would increase to 2216 MW by 1985 with a capability to meet the peaking demand of 1590 MW. Besides, shares will be available from Singrauli Super thermal power project, Badarpur Extension, Narora Atomic power station, Baira Suil and Salal Hydro electric projects to the various states of Northern Region including Punjab to augment the power availability in their systems. The Punjab Government have also proposed Thein Dam project with a capacity of 480 MW and UBDC II project with a capacity of 45 MW. These projects have been cleared by the Central Electricity Authority and are awaiting the sanction of the Planning Commission and benefits from these projects would be available during the period 1985-90.

**Development of skid mounted working unit by ONGC.**

2127. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether ONGC has developed skid mounted working unit; and

(b) if so, what are the proposals with Government to manufacture units on large scale?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Agreement between Kuwait and India on Oil Exploration**

2128. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Kuwait have agreed to cooperate in the field of oil including oil exploration, as a result

of the talks held during the visit of the Amir of Kuwait in September this year; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard indicating the nature and extent of the technical know-how and skill to be exchanged between the two countries?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) and (b). During the visit of H. H. the Amir of Kuwait to India in September, 1980, the Prime Minister and H. H. the Amir placed particular emphasis upon the importance of energy not only in regard to their national economies, but also in the global context. As such, they felt that possibilities of increased cooperation between India and Kuwait in the area of oil, its exploration, exploitation, conservation and substitution and in the field of petrochemicals hold out promises of mutually beneficial cooperation. Specific possibilities in this regard would be further pursued at ministerial and official levels.

**Malaviya Committee Report for separate Ministry for Oil Exploration**

2129 SHRI P. RAJAGOPAL NAIDU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Malaviya Committee report recommended a separate Ministry for oil exploration; and

(b) if so, whether Government are going to organise that Ministry?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Recommendation was considered and was not accepted. At present there is no proposal under the consideration of the Government