

Orissa Coast and other areas is proposed to be suitably stepped up. Some of the promising areas, like shoals and estuaries, which could not be taken up hitherto, due to logistic problems, will also be explored by engaging, wherever necessary, specialised contracting agencies. The total exploratory drilling envisaged by the ONGC and OIL in the on-land basins is of the order of 300 wells comprising 882,700 metres.

In respect of off-shore, Oil India is expected to continue their exploratory programme in the Mahanadi Delta area. ONGC will continue exploration in Bombay Off-shore Basin extending the limits to deeper waters. They also propose to explore the structures offshore of Saurashtra in Gulf of Kutch, Andaman and Nicobar Shelf as well as the East Coast Basins, like Palk Bay and Krishna-Godavari Basins. ONGC plan to increase the number of off-shore rigs deployed so as to drill about 95 exploratory wells in different off-shore areas during the Plan period.

Besides the full development of Bombay High Field, development of other structures, namely, R-12, South Bassein and North Bassein fields, B-37, B-38 structures would also be carried out during the Plan period.

(b) and (c). In order to supplement the efforts of ONGC and OIL Government have recently decided to invite offers from competent foreign parties for exploration in 32 selected blocks. In addition, ONGC and OIL would be obtaining technical assistance/consultancy wherever necessary from competent organisations to step up exploration/production activities.

#### **Stoppage on Import of Indian Films By Bangladesh**

2039. SHRI AMAR ROYPRADHAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bangladesh has stopped import of Indian films;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, the number of films which have been imported during the year 1980 in comparison to 1979?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI KUMUD-BEN M. JOSHI): (a) and (b). As a policy, Bangladesh does not import Indian films.

(c) Does not arise.

#### **Tie up of all Hydro-Electric Potentials**

2040. SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a tie-up of all hydro-energy potential in the country; and

(b) if so, the details of the proposal under contemplation in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) and (b). A tentative assessment of hydro-electric potential in the country places it at 75 MKW at 60 per cent load factor. Recognizing the immense hydel potential available, Government has decided to lay great stress on its exploitation. With this objective in view it is proposed to install additionally 4768 MW of hydel capacity in the VI Plan period, and 15000 MW of hydel capacity in the VII Plan period, which will bring the proportion of hydel to thermal capacity on par with each other.

It has also been decided that large hydro projects be taken up for execution in the Central Sector, with a view to expediting their commissioning. For the first time investigation of hydro projects has been entrusted to the National Hydroelectric Power Corporation, with a view to keeping ready a shelf of projects that would be available for execution.