

technicians and miners are being deputed abroad under training programmes like Colombo Plan. UNDP and those offered by foreign suppliers of mining equipment or under commercial agreements.

#### Availability of Oil from Assam

3857. SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the total availability of oil from Assam at present; and

(b) the measures proposed to increase the same?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) A production of 5.3 million tonnes is envisaged in 1981-82.

(b) To step up production the following measures are proposed to be taken:—

(i) Intensifying exploration for discovering new fields.

(ii) Establishing additional Geological and recoverable reserves.

(iii) Full development of the existing oil fields.

(iv) Deployment of additional deep drilling and work over rigs.

(v) Implementation of various schemes like water injection, installation of artificial lift equipment on wells in depleted reservoirs, construction of oil installations, pipeline etc. required for oil production.

#### Power Requirement of Nagaland, Tripura, Manipur and Bhutan met by Assam

3858. SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that power requirements of neighbouring areas

like Nagaland, Tripura, Manipur and Bhutan are being met by Assam at present; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) and (b). Assam is not supplying any power of its own to Nagaland, Tripura, Manipur and Bhutan as Assam itself is a deficit State. Meghalaya is the surplus State in the north-eastern region. Meghalaya generates about 85 to 90 MW peak and about 30 million units per month, in the Umi-um-umtru-Kyderemkullai hydel power station as against their own demand of 26 MW and 7 to 8 million units per month. The surplus power is being passed on to Assam system. It has been decided by North-eastern Regional Electricity Board that surplus power in Meghalaya is to be shared in the region as indicated below:—

State	Peak (MW)
Manipur	3
Mizoram	2
Nagaland	5
Tripura	2
Assam	48

The above mentioned supply is met through the Assam system. Bhutan is not supplied any power from Assam.

#### Power generation in Assam

3859. SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state the steps proposed to improve power generation in Assam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): A number of power generation projects aggregating to about 458 MW are presently under various stages of construction.