

**Discussions with Libyan Delegation
on Oil Drilling**

7831. SHRI BANAMALI BABU:
SHRI VIRBHADRA SINGH:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether discussions were held with the delegation of Libya for co-operation in the field of oil drilling;

(b) if so, the outcome of the discussions; and

(c) whether any agreement has been concluded in this regard, if so, the broad outlines thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): (a) to (c). Two Indian Delegations visited Libya in July and September, 1973. Discussions with the Libyan authorities *inter alia* were held to strengthen technical cooperation in the field of oil. Subsequently an Agreement was signed which *inter alia* provides for:—

- (i) making available experts and technicians in various fields for the exploitation of oil; and
- (ii) facilitating theoretical and applied training for the nationals of both sides in each other's countries.

Suggestions from Planning Commission not to seek Crude Credit

7832. SHRI YAMUNA PRASAD
MANDAL:
SHRI R. S. PANDEY:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Planning Commission has urged Government not to seek crude credit in the interests of our economy; and

(b) if so, the decision of Government thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Setting up of Lignite based Super Thermal Plant at Neyveli

7833 SHRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state

(a) whether Government propose to set up a 1000 MW lignite based super thermal plant at Neyveli;

(b) if so, the main features thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) to (c). Neyveli Lignite Corporation has prepared a proposal to set up a 1000 MW thermal power plant based on lignite as fuel. This would be based on a second mine cut. The estimated cost of the thermal plant is Rs. 19682 lakhs and cost of mining is Rs. 10675 lakhs. The Power station will comprise of 5 units of 200 MW each. The feasibility report framed in this regard is under examination.

Stern Action against Railway Employees for participating in proposed Strike

7834. SHRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to take action stern against the proposed rail strike by its employees;