

1984 to examine the question re : future pattern of ownership and management of Badarpur Thermal Power Station ;

(b) if so, the action taken by Government thereon ;

(c) the agency to which the management of Badarpur Thermal Power Station is proposed to be entrusted after the expiry of the period of agreement with the National Thermal Power Corporation ;

(d) whether a separate organisation is contemplated for the operation and maintenance of Badarpur Thermal Power Station ; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and when it is likely to be set up ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) & (b). Recommendations of the Committee regarding the future pattern of ownership and management of Badarpur Thermal Power Station have been considered by the Government and it has been decided to maintain the status quo for the present.

(c) The present management contract of National Thermal Power Corporation is valid till March, 1988.

(d) No such proposal is under consideration at present.

(e) Does not arise.

Participation in oil exploration by foreign countries

349. SHRI E. AYYAPU REDDY :
SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO :
SHRI LAKSHMAN MALLICK :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether foreign countries have been recently allowed by Union Government to take up oil exploration programme in India ;

(b) if so, the names of the countries which are taking part in oil exploration or have offered to do so ;

(c) the locations where foreign countries are being allowed to take up oil exploration work ;

(d) the terms and conditions in each case ; and

(e) which other areas in the oil industry are being considered for foreign participation and transfer of latest technology ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEHKAR SINGH) : (a) to (d). Pursuant to the agreements signed in Moscow on May 22, 1985 between India and the Soviet Union on economic, trade and scientific and technical cooperation, the Soviet organisations will carry out intensive integrated exploration in North Cambay and Cauvery onshore basins, as per programme given below :

	North Cambay	Cauvery
Seismic survey	3100 LKM	4000 LKM
Drilling		
(a) No. of wells	38	37
(b) Meterage	81,500	1,22,000
Duration	1986-1992	1986-1995

(e) Besides exploration, the other areas that are being considered for foreign participation, including transfer of technology, are horizontal drilling ; deep water production technology ; production of heavy oil ; drilling in high pressure high temperature regimes ; marginal field development ; gas processing and utilisation.