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reference inter-alia include identification of measures and policies in the areas of exploration, production, refining, transportation, marketing of Hydrocarbons for rapid development of the industry etc.

The composition of the Group is as follows:—

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| 1. Minister of Finance | — Chairman |
| 2. Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas | — Member |
| 3. Minister of External Affairs | — do |
| 4. Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission | — do |
| 5. Secretary to PM | — Member Secretary |

The report is under preparation.

Study for alignment of pipeline from Kochi to Karnataka

2402. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Karnataka have sought a feasibility study to determine the alignment of a pipeline from Kochi to one or a couple of locations in Karnataka; and

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any decision in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Allotment of Distributorship of Indane Gas in Bihar and West Bengal

2403. SHRI SHIBU SOREN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. has advertised for the allotment of distributorship of Indane Gas in Bihar and West Bengal about two years back;

(b) if so, the details of the vacancies advertised, category-wise with the details of the names of the places for which distributorship was offered;

(c) the details of the applications received; and

(d) what action has been taken, so far, in this connection and by what time it will be finalised?