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- (b) if so, the details of the representations;
- (c) whether it is a fact that GAIL has not responded to this representation; and
- (d) the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

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

- (b) to (d) Do not arise.

Reduction of Subsidy on Cooking Gas and Kerosene

†2422. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have any proposal to reduce the subsidy on cooking gas and kerosene;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the extent to which it is proposed to reduce the subsidy and since when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) to (c) The Government had decided in November, 1997 that subsidy on LPG (Domestic) and Kerosene (PDS) will be reduced in phases to reach the level of 15% and 33.33% of the import parity price by 2000-01 and 20001-02, respectively. The subsidy will be transferred to the fiscal budget from the year 2002 onwards.

Development of LPG kit for Vehicles

2423. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATRAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that LPG as automotive fuel gives more mileage and is less polluting than CNG;
- (b) if so, why CNG is being promoted as fuel and not the LPG;
- (c) whether there is a proposal for developing LPG kit for smaller vehicles; and

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