

converted to petrol/CNG bifuel operation. GAIL is currently importing conversion kits and CNG storage cylinders.

(c) No, Sir

(d) Does not arise.

#### Transfer of Excess Gas from Bombay High to Southern States

353. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the proposal of laying the pipeline to transfer the excess gas from Bombay High to the Southern States pending with Government for a long time, if so the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that natural gas worth Rs. 1000 crores is continuously being burnt or flared each year?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) An Inter-ministerial Group had been constituted to examine the techno-economic feasibility of transporting natural gas from Western Offshore to Southern States. The report of the Group has been examined by the

Government and the concept of a pipeline to the Southern Region has been approved in principle.

(b) No, Sir

#### Shortage of Kerosene in Karnataka

354. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is an acute shortage of kerosene in Karnataka and if so, whether Government propose to allot required quantity of kerosene specially for rural areas at the earliest; and

(b) what is the released of kerosene in the country in relation to population during the last three years and reasons for imbalances, if any, in allocations state-wise?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) Kerosene is a deficit product in the country and the allocations to the States are made on historical basis. Year-wise allocations are given in the attached statement..

#### Statement

*SKO allocation to the States/Us for the Years 1989-90, 1990-91 and 1991-92*

States	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92
<b>Northern Region</b>			
Haryana	144670	152631	150777
Himachal Pradesh	36888	36654	35095
Jammu & Kashmir	66317	67611	66567
Punjab	305791	324769	318794
Rajasthan	255184	268636	264758
Uttar Pradesh	893957	912026	905891
Chandigarh	20053	20920	20113
Delhi	228641	240106	238171