

(a) whether PNGRB has received Eols for construction of two more gas pipelines to take KG Basin gas to Gujarat; and

(b) if so, how Government proposes to ensure that KG Basin gas reaches other parts of the country too, particularly Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA): (a) and (b) GSPL has submitted Expression of Interest (EOI) to Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) for natural gas pipeline of length 2277 km, including spur-line of 817 km, initiating from Krishna Godavari basin in Eastern India to Bhilwara (Rajasthan) with connectivity to Godhra (Gujarat). The proposed pipeline envisages gas supply to States of Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Gujarat.

Government has issued authorization for Kakinada-Basudebpur-Howrah, Kakinada-Nellore-Chennai, Chennai-Tuticorin, Chennai-Bangalore-Mangalore and Haldia-Jagdishpur trunk natural gas pipelines to transport KG D6 gas to other parts of the country, including in Andhra Pradesh. Further, along with GSPL, GAIL has also submitted Eol to PNGRB for Central India Pipeline (CIPL) of length 1550 km (including spur-lines of 500 km) from Vijayawada (Andhra Pradesh) to Vijapur (Madhya Pradesh).

Increase in sale price of petroleum products

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the effect of announcement of increase in sale price of petroleum products in July, 2009 on rising prices in the country has been assessed;

(b) if so, the details of the assessment; and

(c) the likely effect of this price rise on transport, prices of fruits and cereals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Commerce and Industry, which deals with inflation related data, has informed that increase in prices of Petrol and Diesel made on 2nd July, 2009 was taken into account while compiling Wholesale Price Index for the week ending 4th July, 2009. The Wholesale Price Index and rate of inflation for the petroleum products for June and July 2009 are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) Prices of cereals, fruits and transport equipments and parts (excluding transport services that are not included in Wholesale Price Index) have increased by an annual rate of inflation of 11.02%, 2.55% and 0.74% respectively as on 11th July, 2009. The weight of these items in the Wholesale Price Index is 4.41%, 1.46% and 4.2% respectively.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement

Details regarding WPI and rate of inflation for Petroleum Products

Commodities	Weight	Week Ending					
		6-Jun., 09	13-Jun., 09	20-Jun., 09	27-Jun., 09	4-July, 09	11-July, 09
Wholesale Price Index (WPI)							
Liquefied petroleum gas	1.83731	352.4	352.4	352.4	352.4	352.9	352.9
Petrol	0.88815	224.2	224.2	224.2	224.2	246.7	246.7
Kerosene	0.68928	357.6	357.6	357.6	357.6	357.6	357.6
Aviation turbine fuel	0.16953	205.7	229.8	229.8	229.8	229.8	246.9
High speed diesel oil	2.02034	452.2	452.2	452.2	452.2	481.4	481.4
Light diesel oil	0.16015	549.6	603.0	603.0	603.0	629.8	629.8
Naphtha	0.41885	607.7	614.5	627.5	627.5	718.2	718.2
Bitumen	0.14900	582.3	573.6	571.9	571.9	583.7	583.7
Furnace oil	0.49335	401.4	411.4	411.4	411.4	457.1	457.1
Lubricants	0.16367	328.8	328.8	328.8	328.8	328.8	328.8
Rate of Inflation*							
Liquefied petroleum gas	1.8373	-12.53	-12.53	-12.53	-12.53	-7.42	-7.42
Petrol	0.8882	-19.90	-19.90	-19.90	-19.90	-11.86	-11.86
Kerosene	0.6893	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Aviation turbine fuel	0.1695	-54.89	-49.61	-49.61	-49.61	-51.85	-48.27
High speed diesel oil	2.0203	-11.59	-11.59	-11.59	-11.59	-5.88	-5.88
Light diesel oil	0.1602	-20.14	-12.38	-12.38	-12.38	-14.48	-14.48
Naphtha	0.4189	-41.99	-41.34	-40.17	-40.17	-36.63	-36.63
Bitumen	0.149	-11.14	-12.47	-12.73	-13.30	-12.95	-12.95
Furnace oil	0.4934	-38.61	-37.09	-36.09	-35.83	-32.41	-32.41
Lubricants	0.1637	17.05	-0.36	-0.36	-0.36	-0.36	-0.36

*Rate of inflation is year to year and is with reference to WPI in the corresponding week of previous year.