

period March'99 to July'2000. A total of 610 personnel, comprising 254 officers and 356 workmen have been recruited and trained for this project, who will be engaged in operation and maintenance of this refinery.

GAIL Pipeline in Karnataka

3006. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Rupees 2000 crore pipeline of Gas authority of India Ltd. (GAIL) is coming up in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the gas supply will actually commence in Karnataka?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) to (c) Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL) has signed a Gas Cooperation Agreement with the Karnataka State Industrial and Infrastructure Development Corporation to study the gas demand potential of Karnataka and the techno-economic feasibility of setting up a gas pipeline infrastructure for serving various end users in the States of Kerala and Karnataka by using the regassified liquefied natural gas from the proposed LNG terminal at Kochi, to be set up by Petronet LNG Limited. The pipeline may be 1100 Km. long and involve an investment of Rs. 2000 crores. The gas supplies are expected to commence in 2004-05.

Allotment of Kerosene to Kerala

3007. SHRI N.K. PREMCHANDRAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of kerosene allotted to Kerala per month for meeting the requirements of the Out Board motors of traditional fishermen in Kerala;

(b) whether Government are aware that the allotted quantity of kerosene is insufficient to meet the actual requirement of fishermen in the State; and

(c) whether Government would consider to enhance the quantity of kerosene allotment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) to (c) Kerosene is an allocated product and annual/monthly allocation is made by the Central Government to the States/UTs for distribution through Public Distribution System. The