

[*Translation*]

Setting up of Southern Gas Grid

1553. SHRI R.N. RAKESH:
DR. CHINTA MOHAN:
SHRI B. RAJARAVI
VARMA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Inter-Ministerial Group to examine the techno-economic feasibility of establishing a Southern Gas Grid, has submitted its report:

(b) if so, the main recommendations of the group;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the action taken by Government in this regard so far; and

(d) the areas expected to be covered in the Southern Gas Grid?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Group is considering the various complicated issues of the proposal. It has been requested to expedite its report.

(d) This would be known only when the report of the Group is received.

[*English*]

Industrial Use of Natural Gas in Maharashtra

1554. PROF. RAM GANESH KAPSE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of industrial concerns in Maharashtra have requested the Oil and Natural Gas Commission for supply of natural gas as feed stock to them;

(b) if so, the details of such industries and the quantity requested; and

(c) the action taken on such requests?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) to (c) Requests have been received from the units located in and the Government of Maharashtra from time to time for allocation of natural gas in various sectors. Depending upon the availability, a quantity of about 18 MMSCMD of gas has been committed for supply to various consumers in the State. The details are given in the attached Statement.

STATEMENT

Allocations for supply of Natural Gas in Maharashtra

<i>Consumers</i>	<i>Quantity (In Million cubic metres per day)</i>
1	2
1. Rashtriya Chemicals & Fertilizer, Trombay	1.80
2. Rashtriya Chemicals & Fertilizers, Thal	3.00
3. Heavy Water Project Thal	0.15
4. Deepak Fertilizers & Petrochemicals Ltd. Taloja	0.60
5. Bharat Electronics Corporation, Taloja	0.03