

**Working of HBJ Pipeline Project.**

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

(a) whether the Comptroller and Auditor General of India in his Report No. 9 (Commercial) of 1990 has adversely commented upon the working of the Hazira-Bijapur-Jagdishpur Pipeline Project of the Gas Authority of India Limited; and

(b) if so, the corrective steps proposed to be taken by the Government on the issues raised in the Report "

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b) The CAG has in his report, inter alia commented on the under utilisation of the available potential of the HBJ pipeline and the loss of revenue to GAIL therefrom, the delay in the setting up of LPG and C2C3 extraction projects and the delay in the setting up of three fertilizer plants.

Corrective steps taken include amongst others prevailing upon the three delayed fertilizer units to sign the Gas Supply Contract with GAIL, commissioning of the LPG extraction plant at Bijaipur and expediting GAIL's project for the setting up of an integrated petrochemical complex at Augaiya based on C2C3 from the pipeline.

**Cost of Bio-gas Plants**

4670. SHRI P. M SAYFED : Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to make solar cookers available at subsidised rates;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the cost of setting up of a bio-gas plants and also the cost of an improved chulha "

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALPNATH RAI) : (a) and (b) There is a Central subsidy of Rs. 150/- or 1/3 rd of the cost of a domestic solar cooker, whichever is less. The Central subsidy on community solar cookers is 1/3rd of the cost or Rs. 1050/- whichever is less.

(c) The cost of setting up biogas plants of capacities from 1 to 6 cubic metres ranges from about Rs. 5,400/- to about 14,2000/- depending upon the size, location and model of the plant. Depending upon the sizes and