

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

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LNG PETRONET PROJECT AT KOCHI
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details and the present status of on going LNG petronet project at Kochi;
- (b) the proposed date of completion of this project;
- (c) the funds allocated for this project and disbursed so far;
- (d) whether the Government has assessed the scope of expansion of this project;and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a) to (e): Petronet LNG Ltd. (PLL), a Joint Venture Company, is setting up an LNG project at Kochi, Kerala; the same is progressing as per the schedule. The project is expected to be commissioned in the first quarter of 2012. The project is estimated to cost around 3600 crore and is being financed through a mix of debt & equity. Initial capacity of the project is 2.5 million metric tonne per annum (mmtpa), which can be expanded to 5.0 mmtpa depending on market potential and associated infrastructure.