

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2518
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LNG TERMINAL IN KERALA
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the second LNG terminal at Kochi in Kerala is likely to be commissioned soon;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the terminal is likely to be operated at just 7-8 per cent of its installed capacity of 5 million tonnes in the first year;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the Gas Authority of India Limited proposes to lay pipeline in Karnataka and Tamil Nadu; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SMT. PANABAACA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (d): Yes Madam, the Kochi LNG Terminal is mechanically completed and will shortly unload its first commissioning cargo. However, since only the local pipeline network of Kochi is completed, the terminal is expected to operate at less than 10 % of its nameplate capacity.

(e) & (f): Yes Madam. The pipeline will pass through the districts of Coimbatore, Erode, Salem & Dharmapuri in Tamil Nadu and Mangalore & Bangalore in Karnataka.