

draw up a time bound action plan for the use of natural gas in various sectors to avoid oil imports; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALVIYA): (a) and (b). Government have already allocated natural gas likely to be available for use to various consumers in the power, fertilizer, sponge iron and other sectors. Such allocations currently total approximately 82 million cubic metres of gas per day.

This is approximately equivalent to 30 MT of oil. However, the full offtake and use of the allocated gas is dependent on upstream investment in facilities to process, compress and transport the gas and downstream investment in the setting up of user industries.

As and when new gas discoveries are made, and the gas becomes available for use, it is allocated to consumers.

[English]

#### **Additional Air Services to Udaipur and Other Cities**

\*172. SHRI GULAB CHAND KATARIA:  
SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether additional air service is proposed to be provided to Udaipur in order to boost tourism and earn more foreign exchange;

(b) whether the Government propose to operate Bombay-Surat-Udaipur and Delhi-Jaipur-Udaipur Vayudoot service in the near future on all the seven days instead of three days a week and if so, when; and

(c) the steps taken to provide Vayudoot service to Kota, Bundi and Jhalawar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI HARMOHAN DHAWAN): (a) and (b). Indian Airlines has introduced a second daily service to Udaipur with effect from 16th December, 1990. Vayudoot has no plans to make its services to Udaipur daily.

(c) Vayudoot has no plans to airlink Bundi and Jhalawar. There are no immediate plans to restore operations to Kota which were suspended due to inadequate load factor.

[English]

#### **Pipeline from Bombay High to Mangalore**

\*173. SHRI C. P. MUDALAGIRIYAPPA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to lay a gas pipeline from Bombay High to Mangalore; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALVIYA): (a) No, Sir. No such project proposal is pending currently.