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KUALA LUMPUR, NOV. 1 (BERNAMA) -- PETRONAS WILL START SUPPLYING GAS TO HOUSES AND INDUSTRIES IN TRENGGANU BY THE END OF 1984 OR EARLY THE FOLLOWING YEAR, THE DEWAN RAKYAT WAS TOLD TODAY.

PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TOLD THE HOUSE DURING QUESTION TIME THAT INITIALLY THE GAS WOULD BE SUPPLIED TO THE PAKA POWER STATION, TRENGGANU STEEL COMPLEX AND HOUSING COMPLEX AT KERTEH.

A GAS PROCESSING PLANT AT KERTEH WAS EXPECTED TO BE READY BY THE MIDDLE OF 1984, HE SAID IN REPLY TO ENCIK AZHARUL ABIDIN RAHIM (BN-BATANG PADANG).

WORK ON ANOTHER PLANT AND THE INSTALLATION OF PIPELINES WOULD BEGIN EARLY NEXT YEAR.

ON THE SUPPLY OF PIPED GAS TO OTHER STATES AND SINGAPORE, HE SAID PETRONAS WAS UNDERTAKING A FEASIBILITY STUDY AND OTHER INITIAL WORKS.

PLANS WERE BEING PREPARED TO SUPPLY GAS TO LLN POWER STATION AT PORT KELANG, PORT DICKSON AND PASIR GUDANG. -- MORE 1610/II

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DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID ON COMPLETION OF THE INITIAL ENGINEERING WORKS, PETRONAS WOULD APPOINT CONSULTANT ENGINEERS TO PREPARE THE ENGINEERING DESIGN AND CARRY OUT ACTUAL WORK ON THE PROJECT.

TO ANOTHER QUESTION FROM ENCIK MOHAMED AMIN DAUD (BN-PEKAN), HE SAID THE PRICE OF COOKING GAS MIGHT GO DOWN WHEN PETRONAS BEGIN TO SUPPLY PIPED GAS.

HOWEVER, THE GOVERNMENT WAS STILL STUDYING THE MATTER.

HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT'S OBJECTIVE WAS TO REDUCE FAMILY EXPENDITURE BY SUPPLYING GAS THROUGH PIPES.

TO A QUESTION WHETHER SUCH A SYSTEM POSED A DANGER TO THE PEOPLE, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID SUPPLYING GAS THROUGH PIPES WAS NOT A NEW THING. IT HAD BEEN GOING ON FOR YEARS IN EUROPE. -- MORE 1615/II

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IN REPLY TO ENCIK TAN SENG GIAW (DAP-KEPUNG), HE SAID IT WAS TOO EARLY TO ESTIMATE THE NUMBER OF WORKERS FOR THE PROJECT.

HOWEVER, PRIORITY WOULD BE GIVEN TO LOCAL WORKERS.

TO ANOTHER QUESTION FROM HAJI HASHIM ENDUT (BN-HULU MUDA), DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THERE WERE ALSO PLANS TO USE THE LPG FOR MOTOR VEHICLES. -- BERNAMA 1630/II