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Opening of Regional Oil and Natural Gas Commission Office at Narsapur

6570. SHRI VIJAYA KUMAR RAJU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to open a Regional Office of Oil and Natural Gas Commission at Rajahmundry in Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) whether before deciding Rajahmundry, Government had considered opening of regional Oil and Natural Gas Commission Office at Narsapur or Bhimavaram;
 - (c) the reasons for the final decision; and
- (d) whether Government are considering to revert to the earlier proposal to open Regional Office of Oil and Natural Gas Commission at Narsapur or Bhimavaram (Andhra Pradesh)?

THE MINSTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) The ONGC proposes to upgrade their Project which will have control over both onshore and offshore operations in Krishna-Godavari Basin.

- (b) The ONGC are free to decide upon feasible locations for setting up offices for their operations. The Commission had considered Narsapur/Bhimavaram as possible alternatives.
- (c) Rajahmundry has better infrastructure, is easily accessible by Rail and Road, and is also connected directly with Visakhapatnam; it is also connected by air.
 - (d) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

Exports of Defence Products

- 6571. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether there is any scope of increasing the exports of defence products;
- (b) if so, the action being taken in that direction; and