

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

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POLYMER PRODUCTION BY GAIL
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Gas Authority of India Ltd. (GAIL) propose to expand its project to increase the polymer production at its Pata Plant;
- (b) if so, the proposed increase in capacity and to what extent this would meet the demand in the country;
- (c) the amount to be invested in its expansion programme and the time by which the expansion programme is likely to be completed.
- (d) whether the Government is also contemplating to market its products outside India and whether any negotiations have been held with the outside agencies; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) The polymer production is being increased to 310,000 Tonnes Per Annum (TPA) from 260,000 TPA through de-bottlenecking of the existing polymer plant (Swing unit) of GAIL (India) Limited (GAIL)'s Petrochemical Plant at Pata, U.P. The capacity will be further increased to 430,000 TPA by setting up a new polymer plant (Swing unit) under expansion project. The enhanced capacity would enable GAIL to satisfy the demand growth of polyethylene which is expected to outstrip the supply in 2005-06.
- (c) The investment for the de-bottlenecking project is Rs.76 crore and it is expected to be completed by November, 2003. The investment for the expansion project is Rs.647 crore and it is scheduled for completion by December, 2005.
- (d) Export shall depend on the market situation. At present, GAIL is not in negotiations with any foreign agency/ customer in this regard.
- (e) Does not arise.