

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS  
LOK SABHA**

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PETRO CHEMICALS VISION  
NANDIPAKU VENKATASWAMY

**Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Advisory Group set up to draft `Petro-Chemicals Vision 2010` has submitted its report.
- (b) if so, the salient features of the Report;
- (c) whether the Government has accepted the Report; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHHATTRA PAL SINGH)

(a): Yes Sir.

(b): The ` Petrochemical Vision 2010 Advisory Group`, called the Task Force, in its Report, has given an over-view of the economic scenario, petrochemical industry and its growth and development, global scenario of petrochemicals, current status of Indian Petrochemicals Industry, demand projections for Tenth & Eleventh Five Year Plans, competitiveness of the Indian Petrochemical Industry and Policy issues. After discussing the issues in detail, the Task Force has made various recommendations which include the availability and import duty of feedstock, various recommendations to rationalize the tariff on petrochemicals and their products and infrastructural needs of the industry. The Task Force has also made general recommendations, covering the reservation for small scale industries, usage of petrochemicals in plasti-culture, Jute Packaging Material Act, 1987, training institutions for polymer/petrochemical industry, proper disposal of plastic material/waste and its recycling, labour laws, capital cost for the industry etc.

(c) & (d): Since some of the recommendations of the Task Force fall under the jurisdiction of other Ministries/Departments, copies of the Task Force Report have been circulated to the concerned Ministries and their views/suggestions have been sought to formulate a National Policy for the development of the petrochemical industry as well as its downstream sectors.