

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3369
ANSWERED ON:13.03.2003
BHATINDA OIL REFINERY
VILAS BABURAO MUTTEMWAR

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to scale down the capacity of the Bhatinda Oil Refinery from 9 million tonnes per annum to 6 million tonnes;
- (b) if so, the reasons for scaling down the capacity of the refinery, particularly when the Government are contemplating to create additional storage capacity of oil;
- (c) whether the work on the refinery has already been taken in hand;
- (d) if so, the time by which the project is likely to be completed and commenced; and
- (e) the amount already spent on the construction of this refinery and the total amount anticipated for the completion of this refinery?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

- (a) No, Sir.
 - (b) Does not arise.
 - (c) & (d) The project is under implementation and is expected to be completed by December, 2006.
 - (e) An expenditure of Rs.280.32 crore has been incurred on the project upto 28.2.2003.
- The approved project cost of 9 MMTPA refinery project is Rs.9,806 crore (at June, 1998 prices).