

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

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GURU GOBIND SINGH REFINERY
Dhindsa Shri Sukhdev Singh;Libra Shri Sukhdev Singh

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

- (a) whether the work on Guru Gobind Singh Refineries Ltd. at Bhatinda in Punjab is going on as per the schedule;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons for delay;
- (d) the estimated expenditures likely to be incurred on the project and the total amount spent so far; and
- (e) the time by which the refinery is likely to be commissioned?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

- (a) to (c) Based on the incentives offered by the State Government of Punjab (GOP), as also other commercial considerations, Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) have decided to set up a refinery at Bathinda. The Deed of Assurance (DOA) is scheduled to be signed at Bathinda on 12.8.2005 in the presence of the Chief Minister of Punjab and the Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas.
- (d) The approved project cost is Rs.9,806 crore (at June 1998 prices). Upto July, 2005 an expenditure of Rs.289 crore has been incurred on the project.
- (e) The configuration of the refinery is being finalized. After the DOA is signed, financial appraisal and tie-up of the funding for the project will be carried out. The refinery is likely to be commissioned in 60 months` time from the tie-up of funds for the project.