

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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REFINERY PROJECTS OF HPCL

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

(a) whether the Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd. is considering a proposal for partnering British Petroleum for its grassroots refinery projects at Bhatinda in Punjab and Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the names of other companies where similar possibilities are being explored?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) have signed a Letter of Intent with British Petroleum for jointly promoting a 9.0 million metric tonnes per annum capacity refinery at Bathinda in Punjab.

HPCL is also evaluating the possibility of setting up a condensate splitter-cum-aromatic project near Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh. Preliminary discussions are in progress with Total SA, France for participation in this project.