

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Public Sector Oil companies have prepared any scheme relating to oil refinery projects in collaboration with some foreign oil companies;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the progress made in this regard so far?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) / Mangalore Refinery & Petrochemicals Limited are exploring the feasibility of setting up a well-head refinery in Rajasthan in association with Cairn for processing the heavy crude discovered by the JV of Cairn and ONGC.

Further, Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited and Oman Oil Company Limited together have a joint venture by the name of Bharat Oman Refineries Limited to set up a 6 million metric tonnes per annum (MMTPA) grassroots refinery at Bina (Madhya Pradesh).

Also, Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited have signed a letter of intent with British Petroleum for jointly promoting a 9 MMTPA refinery at Bathinda (Punjab).