

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2135  
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SAUDI ARAMCO'S PARTICIPATION IN VISAKHAPATNAM REFINERY  
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

to the reply given to Unstarred Question No.4310 dated April 21, 2005 regarding Saudi Aramco's offer for stake in HPCL Refinery and state :

- (a) whether any agreement has been signed between HPCL and Saudi Aramco;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the present status of the proposal?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) to (c) Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited is not currently engaged in discussions with Saudi Aramco for any of its refinery projects.