

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

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OIL REFINERY AT PARADEEP PORT IN ORISSA

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

- (a) the present status of the proposed Paradip Oil Refinery Plant in Orissa;
- (b) whether the Government has decided to start the construction work of the plant without any further delay;
- (c) the estimated cost of the plant; and
- (d) the time by which the production from this plant is likely to be started?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d) A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between Government of Orissa and Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) on 16-2.2004 according to which IOCL will initiate all necessary steps to complete the construction of the refinery by the year 2009-10. However, if market conditions in the country favour higher levels of domestic sale of products from the refinery as compared to earlier estimates, IOCL will endeavour to complete the project by 2008-09. The estimated cost of the project based on October, 2002 prices is Rs. 7,500 crore.