

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

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OIL SUPPLY IN SATNA
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether oil supply has been stopped at Satna Oil Depot;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefore and the time from which it has been stopped;
- (c) whether employment was assured to those, whose lands were acquired to establish the oil depot; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) : Oil depots of Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) at Satna are still in operation. Supplies were suspended at IOCL depot for two days on 15.12.2004 and 16.12.2004 on account of the break down of one fire engine. Supply disruptions have also taken place in the past few months due to non-availability of conventional rakes with Railways. However, both IOCL and HPCL have decided to close these depots as they do not meet the safety norms stipulated by the Oil Industry Safety Directorate (OISD). The District Magistrate, Satna has also issued a notice for the closure of these depots.

(c) & (d) : The location on the outskirts of Satna acquired by the IOCL was proposed for relocation of the Satna depots, but the oil companies have dropped the proposal for relocation to cut down on high operational costs. A review of this proposal is possible only if the land oustees do not press their claim for employment.