

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

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UPGRADATION OF OIL REFINERIES  
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Public Sector Oil companies propose to upgrade their refineries in near future;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the proposed new refineries have taken a long time to be in production;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken to commission those new refineries in a given time frame?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a) The Public Sector Oil Companies have been undertaking refinery upgradation projects for capacity expansion and to optimize the production of value added products based on economics, pollution levels and product demand.

(b) Details of refinery upgradation projects is given at Annexure.

(c) to (e): 9 MMTPA Refinery of HPCL-Mittal Energy Limited(HMEL) at Bathinda, Punjab and 6 MMTPA Refinery of Bharat Oman Refineries Limited(BORL) at Bina, Madhya Pradesh are progressing as per the revised schedule and are likely to be commissioned in September, 2011 and December, 2009 respectively. In case of BORL, there has been delay in the initial stages due to delay in getting environmental clearance.

As regards,Paradip Refinery Project, though there was delay due to resolution of issues like sales tax incentives with Government of Orissa, the IOCL Board of Directors have accorded approval in February, 2009 for a 15 MMTPA Refinery at an estimated cost of Rs. 29,777 Crore.The Paradip Refinery is scheduled for commissioning in March, 2012.