

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

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SETTING UP OF UNDERGROUND TANKS FOR OIL STORAGE  
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up underground tanks for storage of oil with a view to ensure supply of oil in emergency situations in the country; and

(b) if so, the time by which the same is likely to be carried out alongwith the storage capacity of the proposed tanks?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH)

(a) & (b); Yes, Madam. The Government is setting up the underground storage in the form of unlined rock caverns with total storage capacity of 5.33 Million Metric Tonne (TMT) to ensure the energy security of the country at three locations viz. Visakhapatnam (storage capacity: 1.33 MMT), Mangalore (storage capacity: 1.5 MMT) and Padur (storage capacity: 2.5 MMT). The project at Visakhapatnam is likely to achieve mechanical completion by October, 2011. In respect of projects at Mangalore and Padur, the same is likely to achieve by mid of year 2013.