

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

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CRUDE OIL RESERVES
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the progress made in the establishment of strategic crude oil reserves capacity in the country;
- (b) the present status of Arikleshwar-Bharuch-Khambhat and Koyli Projects alongwith their storage capacity;
- (c) the time by which these projects are likely to be completed;
- (d) whether the Government has any plan to set up crude oil storage at Surat and Bharuch;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) whether some oil companies including Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) have sought additional storage space; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a): The Government is setting up the underground storage in the form of unlined rock cavern with total storage capacity of 5.33 Million Metric Tonne (MMT) at three locations viz. Visakhapatnam (storage capacity: 1.33 MMT), Mangalore (storage capacity: 1.5 MMT) and Padur (storage capacity: 2.5 MMT). The progress achieved in physical terms as of 31.01.2011 is 69% at Visakhapatnam, 32.1% at Mangalore and 24.2% at Padur.
- (b): At present, there is no such proposal.
- (c): 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.
- (d) & (e): At present, there is no such proposal.
- (f) & (g): Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) has sought usage of 0.3 MMT capacity in storage at Visakhapatnam on a cost sharing basis. Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Limited (MRPL) has also sought sharing of 0.3 MMT capacity in storage at Mangalore.