

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

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SHIFTING OF HP AND BP DEPOTS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any scheme is being formulated to shift depots of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation and Bharat Petroleum to other places, which are situated near human habitations in various areas of the country
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the number of such human habitations in the proximity of which incidents of fire took place in oil depots, and the number of persons who lost their life as a result thereof in the country during the last three years; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government to prevent recurrence of the said incidents?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): Yes, Madam. There is a proposal of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) for shifting 26 depots which are situated near human habitations to other places.

(c)&(d): HPCL and BPCL have reported that no fire incident has taken place at their depots in the proximity of human habitations during the last three years.