

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:826  
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REFINERY AT LAUHAGARA  
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether a foundation stone was laid to set up a refinery in Lauhagara in 1996 in Bara Tehsil of Allahabad;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the work of Lauhagara refinery has not been started even after functioning of the Bina refinery, till date;
- (d) if so, the reasons for delay; and;
- (e) the time by which the said refinery is likely to be set up?

**Answer**

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

(a) and (b): The foundation stone, which was planned to be laid at Kathaura in Rae Bareilly District, Uttar Pradesh on 20th March 1996, could not be done due to notification of Lok Sabha elections.

(c) to (e): Consequent on de-licensing of refinery sector since June, 1998, a refinery can be set up anywhere in India by a Private or Public Sector Enterprise depending on its techno-commercial viability. Though Bina Refinery has been commissioned by Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) in May, 2011, its operations are yet to be stabilized. BPCL has not taken any decision regarding setting up of a refinery at Lauhagara.