

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2674

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RELOCATION OF REFINERY

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

- (a) whether an old oil refinery is being relocated from United States to Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the concerns being raised by various environmental agencies in this regard have been adequately addressed; and
- (d) if not, the reasons for installation of this refinery in the country?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) Consequent to de-licensing of refinery sector since June, 1998, a refinery can be set up anywhere in India by a private or public sector company depending on its techno-commercial viability. At present, however, there is no firm proposal to set up a refinery in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh by Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies.