

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

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FIRE IN REFINERIES

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

- (a) the details of incidents of fire in various refineries of the country during the last three years, refinery-wise;
- (b) the details of damage caused therefrom, refinery-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has constituted any Committee to enquire into the causes of the accident;
- (d) if so, the details of the report and recommendations of the said Committee; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to ensure the compliance of safety norms by the refineries in the country ?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) : The details of major fire incidents in the public sector refineries of the country and damage caused therefrom during the last three years are given at Annexure.

(c) : The Government has not constituted any committee to enquire into the causes of the above accidents in the refineries. The concerned company carries out detailed investigations into such incidents and takes measures to prevent their recurrence. Oil Industry Safety Directorate (OISD), a technical body under Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas (MoP&NG) entrusted with the task of overseeing safety of oil installations across the country, also investigates such incidents and recommends measures to avoid their recurrence.

(d) : Does not arise in view of reply to part (c) above.

(e) : OISD conducts periodic safety inspections to check the implementation of safety measures and recommends measures for enhancing safety in the refineries. The gaps in the safety system, if any, are identified by the Audit team which are then discussed with the top management group of the concerned company, wherein a time bound plan for their liquidation is emphasized. The companies prepare action taken report and submit it to OISD, who in turn monitors the implementation process.