

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

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DAMAGE OF CROPS NEAR BORL
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that soyabean crops cultivated in about 50 acres of land in the periphery of dispatch terminal of Bharat Oman Refinery Limited(BORL) at Beena in Madhya Pradesh have not fructified due to highmast lights installed there;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any compensation is likely to be provided by BORL to the affected farmers for the same;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the measures being taken to save crops in future from highmast lights of BORL?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SMT. PANABAACA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (e): A representation was received from the farmers in the vicinity of Bharat Oman Refinery Limited(BORL)'s refinery at Bina, Madhya Pradesh, about lower yield of soyabean crops. During the discussion, no compensation was envisaged and it was agreed that BORL will switch off the high mast lights facing the crops to allay fears of the farmers. Accordingly, high mast lights facing the crops are switched off, as intimated by Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited.