

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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CRUDE OIL STORAGE SYSTEMS

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to build Strategic Crude Oil Storage systems in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, project, location and capacity-wise;
- (c) whether such storage systems are likely to be set up at least one in each State/UT with major port facility;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the other steps being taken or proposed to be taken for creating additional strategic crude oil storage facilities in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SMT.PANABAAGA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b) The Government, through Indian Strategic Petroleum Reserves Limited (ISPRL), is setting up Strategic Crude Oil Reserves with storage capacity of 5.33 Million Metric Tonnes (MMT) at three locations viz. Visakhapatnam (storage capacity: 1.33 MMT), Mangalore (storage capacity: 1.5 MMT) and Padur (storage capacity: 2.5 MMT) to enhance the energy security of the country.

(c) to (e) In order to further increase the strategic crude oil storage capacity, ISPRL has undertaken a detailed feasibility study for construction of additional 12.5 MMT of crude oil storages in Phase-II at four locations viz. Bikaner in Rajasthan, Rajkot in Gujarat, Chandikhol in Odisha and Padur in Karnataka.