

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

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OIL DEPOT IN LAKSHADWEEP
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up an Indian Oil depot in Lakshadweep Islands:
- (b) if so, the details thereof:
- (c) whether any project in Kavaratti has been stalled for several months due to delays in clearances;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the time by which the project is likely to be completed?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): Based on clearance from the Government, the Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) entered into an agreement with Union Territory of Lakshadweep (UTL) Administration in April, 2004 for setting up bulk storage facilities for handling High Speed Diesel (HSD) and Superior Kerosene Oil (SKO) in Kavaratti and Minicoy Islands.

(c)&(d): The aforesaid project was stopped in September, 2006 on the advice of the UTL Administration based on advice of Ministry of Environment and Forests (MOEF). However, on receipt of clearance from the UTL Administration in December, 2012 for re-starting the works, action has been initiated.

(e) As reported by IOCL, the project is likely to be completed by July, 2014.