

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5201
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OIL DEPOT IN SRI LANKA
Tagore Shri Manicka

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of the Sri Lankan plan to take over a strategic oil storage depot and also some of the tanks in Trincomalee from the Indian Oil Company's local arm;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the reaction of the Government in the regard?

Answer

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

- (a). No, Madam. Neither the Government of India nor the Lanka Indian Oil Corporation (LIOC) have received any official communication from the Government of Sri Lanka to take over the Trincomalee tank farm.
- (b) & (c). Do not arise in view of (a) above.