

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3405  
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M.B. Lal Committee  
Singh Deo Shri Kalikesh Narayan

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

- (a) whether the recommendations of the M.B.Lal Committee has been implemented and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the current status of the establishment of Emergency Response Centers (ERCs) as per the recommendations of the M.B.Lal Committee and the cost of setting up including civil and land cost;
- (c) whether the Government has evaluated the possibility of setting up ERCs at 2-3 strategic locations with facilities of airlifting of equipment and crew and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government has acquired land for the 22 proposed ERCs and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) whether the implementation of ERCs has been undertaken through Public Private Partnerships (PPPs), if so, the details thereof along with details of proposed equity structure of PPP if not, the reasons therefor?
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**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a): M.B.Lal Committee made 118 recommendations out of which 113 pertain to industry to be implemented by Oil Companies. Out of the 113, 110 recommendations have been implemented.

(b) to (e): One of recommendations of the M.B.Lal Committee is to set up Emergency Response Centre (ERC) in the country. The recommendation was considered in consultation with representative of Oil Public Sector Undertakings and accordingly, a team consisting of two Members was deputed to Texas, USA in June, 2014 to gain first hand experience on ERC. The team visited the Refinery Terminal Fire Company (RTFC) & its facilities and submitted its report. Subsequently, a team of RTFC visited few oil installations and Mumbai Refinery in December, 2014. The RTFC submitted a Report, the salient features of which are hereunder:-

â€¢ ERC response time in India would depend upon distance, road & traffic conditions.

â€¢ Based on local conditions, the location of ERC facilities would be practical to target response time of not more than 2 hours.

â€¢ All assets/facilities to be divided into four geographical territories i.e. East, West, North & South. In each territory, a network of ERC centres should be connected to Crisis Management Dispatch/Information (CMD) Centre.

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