

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS  
LOK SABHA**

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Petro-Chemical Complex

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**Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:**

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any proposal from the State Government of Kerala to build Petro-Chemical Complex at Kochi using the idle land owned by FACT;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the current status of the proposal;

(c) whether the Government has any proposal to set up petro-chemical complexes/hubs around refineries across the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the estimated investment that would be attracted along with generation of job opportunities consequent upon setting up of petro-chemical hubs in the country?

**Answer**

a)&(b) A proposal was received from State Government of Kerala for setting up a Petroleum, Chemicals and Petrochemical Investment Region (PCPIR) at Ambalamugal in Ernakulam district of Kerala. Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals examined the proposal in 2012 and deficiencies regarding minimum area requirement of 250 sq.km., absence of Preliminary Environment Impact Assessment, Preliminary Master Plan, assessment of infrastructure requirement were conveyed to Government of Kerala. Further considering the huge requirement of land area, the Government of Kerala dropped the proposal. Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas has informed that Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) is implementing a propylene based petrochemical plant at Kechi Refinery in Kerala.

(c) Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas has informed that setting up of petrochemical complexes / hubs around refineries is a techno commercial decision to be taken by oil companies. Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals notified Petroleum, Chemicals and Petrochemical Investment Region (PCPIR) Policy in 2007. Under this Policy four PCPIRs at Dahej in Gujarat, Vishakhapatnam-Kakinada in Andhra Pradesh, Paradeep in Odisha and Cuddalore-Nagapattinam in Tamil Nadu with a refinery or cracker as Anchor Tenant have been approved by Government of India. These PCPIRs are at different stages of implementation.

(d) The four PCPIRs are expected to attract investment of Rs. 7.63 lakh crore and generate direct and indirect employment for around 33.96 lakh persons upon complete implementation of these complexes. The estimated investment on the petrochemical plant at Kochi Refinery of BPCL in Kerala is Rs. 4588 crore. The direct employment from this petrochemical project is approximately 150 and indirect employment is approximately 2000.

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