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Title: Need to set up plants for production of propylene and paraxilyne at Haldia, Kolkata.

SHRI LAKSHMAN SETH (TAMLUK): Sir, the Indian Oil Corporation is planning to lay pipeline for transportation of crude from Paradip to Haldia. This will deal a heavy blow to the existence of the Haldia Dock Complex of the Kolkata Port Trust. Three oil jetties including various facilities have been developed by the Kolkata Port Trust with a huge investment. All the oil jetties and other infrastructural facilities will be idle if the said pipeline is installed by the IOC. Haldia port being a riverine port is suffering from siltation in navigational channel which causes cost of transportation of crude by ship.

In order to reduce the cost, the Kolkata Port Trust has proposed to install floating storage operation at Sandhead confluence of Bay of Bengal. Haldia Petrochemicals imports propylene for production of polypropylene. HPL has proposed to IOC to install plants for production of propylene and paraxilyne at Haldia.

Therefore, I would request the hon. Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas and the hon. Prime Minister to take up this matter with the IOC so that the projects can be put up at Haldia for the benefit of Haldia in particular and the country in general.