

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.615
TO BE ANSWERED ON 7th FEBRUARY, 2022

HPCL's Refinery Project in Visakhapatnam

615 Shri G.V.L. Narasimha Rao:

Will the Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) is undertaking steps for modernisation and expansion of its refinery in Visakhapatnam;
- (b) whether cost of the project is more than Rs. 26,000 crore;
- (c) existing capacity of HPCL Visakhapatnam refinery and how much new capacity is expected to be added when project is completed;
- (d) whether this is the largest capacity expansion project undertaken by HPCL ever;
- (e) the expected date of completion of the project; and
- (f) likely short term and long term impacts of the project on HPCL financials, economy in Visakhapatnam area and Andhra Pradesh State as a whole on revenues, taxes, employment (direct and indirect) etc?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAMESWAR TELI)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The approved cost of the Visakh Refinery Modernisation Project (VRMP) is Rs. 26,264 Crores.

(c) : The existing capacity of Visakh Refinery is 8.3 MMTPA (Million Metric Tonne Per Annum) and after completion of expansion project, capacity will increase to 15 MMTPA.

(d) : Yes, Sir.

(e) : The VRMP is scheduled to be completed in the year 2022-23.

(f) : The project is expected to have multiple benefits and impact including supply of Bharat Stage-VI compliant motor fuels, enhancing energy security due to increased

refining capacity, enhanced refinery complexity and conversion efficiency, generating direct and indirect employment during construction and post construction phases, positive impact on Indian industry including in Andhra Pradesh due to high local component in project cost, nurturing and encouraging local industry during project and post project phase.
