

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 2918  
ANSWERED ON- 27/03/2023

Leakage of crude oil pipeline

2918 Shri Vaiko:

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

- (a) the number of incidents of leakage of crude oil pipeline reported in the last three years;
- (b) whether complaints have come about leakage of crude oil in Nagore off-shore, Cauvery Delta in Tamil Nadu due to break in the pipeline being maintained by Chennai Petroleum Corporation Ltd (CPCL);
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the amount of damage caused due to leaked crude oil getting into sea water for more than four days;
- (e) whether any compensation proposed for the local fishermen who could not go for fishing for days together due to this leak; and
- (f) if not, the reason therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS

(SHRI RAMESWAR TELI)

- (a) As per Oil Industry Safety Directorate (OISD), no major reportable incident as defined in Disaster Management Plan (DMP), 2021 of Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas has been reported in the last three years i.e. 2019-20 to 2021-22. However, 2 incidents of leakage of crude oil pipeline has been reported in current Year 2022-23 (till 19 March, 2023).

(b) to (d) A leak was noticed in the crude oil pipeline of CPCL on 02.03.2023 in late evening near Nagore offshore. The crude oil pumping was not operational at the time of leak. The line was clamped and leak was arrested on 04.03.2023 and online sealing was also completed by 05.03.2023.

Since the line was not in operation, very minimum quantity of oil escaped from the damaged portion of the pipeline and that too during the high tide.

CPCL swiftly acted and used mobile oil recovery unit and also applied Bio dispersant on the oil slick which was confined to a small area only.

(e) & (f) No Sir, a survey of the areas did not establish any abnormal conditions along the coast line. CPCL has informed that they have also not received any reports from Coast Guard regarding any spillage in the nearby areas.

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