

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2360
ANSWERED ON- 16/12/2024

**PROPOSED STRATEGIC OIL RESERVE IN DANKARI, JAJPUR DISTRICT OF
ODISHA**

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

- (a) whether Government has proposed to establish a strategic oil reserve in Dankari, Jajpur district of Odisha;
- (b) the details of the proposed project, including the capacity, timeline for completion, and estimated cost;
- (c) the reserve will contribute to country's energy security and benefit the local economy of Jajpur district;
- (d) whether Government has conducted any environmental or social impact assessments for the proposed site in Dankari;
- (e) the number of employment opportunities expected to be generated during the construction and operational phases of the project; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof ?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

(SHRI SURESH GOPI)

(a) to (b): In July 2021, Government had approved the establishment of two additional commercial-cum-strategic petroleum reserve facilities with total storage capacity of 6.5 MMT including at Chandikhol, Dankari (Jajpur) (4 MMT) in Odisha ,on a Public Private Partnership mode.

(c) The project cost is about INR 9000 crores for potentially the largest reserve of the country which will boost GDP of the state of Odisha and increase other auxiliary economic activities in the region.

(d) Indian Strategic Petroleum Reserve Limited (ISPRL) had completed the Detailed Feasibility Report (DFR) and geotechnical surveys for the project site in Chandikhol, District Jajpur, Odisha. Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the project has also been carried out by National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (NEERI), Nagpur.

In December 2022, Government of Odisha requested ISPRL to explore other sites in Odisha. In view of anticipated delay in pursuing alternate land and need for carrying out feasibility studies once again, Government of Odisha has been requested to allocate the same land at Chandikhol for which ISPRL had earlier submitted application and completed feasibility studies.

(e) to (f): As per preliminary assessments, the project has potential to generate employment for about 4000 persons per day during construction phase and about 150 persons per day during the operational phase.
