

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 941
ANSWERED ON- 28/07/2025

STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVES

941. SHRI DEBASHISH SAMANTARAY:

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

- (a) total capacity of Strategic Petroleum Reserves (SPRs) in the country;
- (b) whether any new reserve is planned;
- (c) the emergency protocols in place;
- (d) the role of private sector in maintenance; and
- (e) the cost incurred during the last three years?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
(SHRI SURESH GOPI)

(a) & (b) Government of India (GoI), through a Special Purpose Vehicle called Indian Strategic Petroleum Reserve Limited (ISPRL), has established Strategic Petroleum Reserves (SPR) facilities with total capacity of 5.33 Million Metric Tonnes (MMT) of crude oil at 3 locations namely (i) Vishakhapatnam (1.33 MMT), (ii) Mangaluru (1.5 MMT) and (iii) Padur (2.5 MMT) capacity.

In July 2021, Government had also approved the establishment of two additional commercial-cum-strategic petroleum reserve facilities with total storage capacity of 6.5 MMT at Chandikhol (4 MMT) in Odisha and Padur (2.5 MMT) in Karnataka, on a Public Private Partnership mode.

(c) An Inter-Ministerial Empowered Committee of Secretaries is in place to take appropriate decision on release/sale of strategic crude oil in the event of an emergency, which could include natural calamity or disruption in supplies or any unforeseen global event leading to scarcity of supplies.

(d) & (e) The maintenance of the established petroleum reserves is done by Indian Strategic Petroleum Reserves Limited (ISPRL) which hires service providers from the private sector, as appropriate.

In last 3 years the total expenditure incurred for development and maintenance of SPR is approximately INR 629.73 crores.
