

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3503**  
ANSWERED ON- 23/03/2026

**STORAGE CAPACITY OF STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVES**

3503. SHRI RAGHAV CHADHA:

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

- (a) the total storage capacity of Strategic Petroleum Reserves available in the country;
- (b) the percentage of such capacity currently utilised;
- (c) whether any additional storage capacity is under construction and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the measures taken to enhance energy security through strategic petroleum reserves?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (d) Government, through a Special Purpose Vehicle called Indian Strategic Petroleum Reserve Limited (ISPRL), have established Strategic Petroleum Reserves (SPR) facilities with total capacity of 5.33 Million Metric Tonnes (MMT) of crude oil at 3 locations in Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka which can act as buffer for short-term supply shocks.

Quantity of the crude available in the caverns varies depending on market conditions. Currently, ISPRL has around 3.372 MMT of crude stock available which is around 64 % of the total storage 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 in Odisha and Karnataka. Assessment of new sites for establishing additional crude oil reserves is a continuous process.

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