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MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

RAJYA SABHA
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STATUS OF STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE AT CHANDIKHOL

1731. SHRI DEBASHISH SAMANTARAY :

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

- (a) the present status of the proposed strategic petroleum reserve (SPR) project at Dankari, Chandikhol in Jajpur district, Odisha;
- (b) whether all statutory clearances and land acquisition for the project have been completed;
- (c) the present stage of tendering and construction, the estimated cost of the project and the likely timeline for its completion; and
- (d) the economic and employment benefits expected to accrue to Odisha and the country from the project?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI SURESH GOPI)

(a) to (d) In July 2021, under Phase-II, Government approved the establishment of two additional commercial-cum-strategic petroleum reserve facilities with total storage capacity of 6.5 MMT in Chandikhol, Odisha (4 MMT) and Padur, Karnataka (2.5 MMT). For development of these SPR facilities, a Public Private Partnership model is envisaged.

For development of SPR in Chandikhol, Odisha, Indian Strategic Petroleum Reserve Limited (ISPRL), a special purpose vehicle responsible for development of SPRs in the country, has acquired the land, which has been registered in its name. The estimated project cost is about INR 9000 crores. The draft RFP and Concession Agreement for the project are being finalized.

The project is expected to boost GDP of the state of Odisha and increase other economic activities, including ancillary industries, in the region. 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.
