

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1734
ANSWERED ON- 03/08/2026

CREATION OF STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE CAPACITY BY ONGC

1734. SHRI JAGGESH:

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

- (a) whether Government has approved the development of a strategic petroleum reserve (SPR) project by ONGC as part of its efforts to expand the country's emergency crude oil stockpile;
- (b) whether ONGC has accorded in-principle approval for the development of a strategic petroleum reserve at Mangalore in accordance with the directions of the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, if so, the capacity of such Strategic Petroleum Reserve;
- (c) whether Government has directed ONGC to explore commercial utilisation opportunities for the proposed strategic petroleum reserve project with associated regulatory support; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) is developing a strategic petroleum reserve facility of 1.75 MMT capacity at Mangaluru. 50% of this storage will be reserved as strategic storage and the rest 50% of the capacity will be available to ONGC for commercial operations. The project will be funded by ONGC.
