

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2028  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2023

**Oil Depots**

**2028. SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY:**

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to close down some oil depots in country including IOC-BPC depot at Surareddipalem in Prakasam District of Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether depot workers union and other related unions have given representation for continuing the operations of these depots; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken on their representations?

**ANSWER**

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्यमंत्री  
(श्री रामेश्वर तेली)

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS  
(SHRI RAMESWAR TELI)**

- (a) and (b) Installations and closure of any Depot is a commercial decision of Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) which is based on various factors like economic viability, safety concerns, requirement of a particular region including fulfillment of statutory norms etc. OMCs have informed that there is no proposal at present for closure of any Depot in the country including Depots of Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) at Ongole near Surareddipalem in Prakasam District of Andhra Pradesh.
- (c) IOCL has informed that they have received a representation from Andhra Pradesh Petroleum Tank Truck Operators Association requesting to continue supply from Ongole Depot.
- (d) In view of (a) and (b) above, does not arise.

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