

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 363
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22ND MARCH, 2021

Reopening of Oil Depots

* 363. SHRI NIHAL CHAND:

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) the number of oil depots shut down by the Government during the last three years, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to reopen these oil depots, particularly the closed oil depots in Hanumangarh District in Rajasthan; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

A N S W E R

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MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 363 BY SHRI NIHAL CHAND TO BE ANSWERED ON 22ND MARCH, 2021 REGARDING 'REOPENING OF OIL DEPOTS'.

- (a) There are 10 (ten) number of Oil Depot Shut down during last three years (April, 2018- March, 2021). The details of the same is as under:

OMC	State	Numbers of Depots shut down
HPC	Tamil Nadu	1
	Maharashtra	1
	Uttar Pradesh	1
	Gujarat	1
IOC	West Bengal	1
	Assam	1
	Himachal Pradesh	2
	Andhra Pradesh	1
	Tamil Nadu	1
BPC	Nil	

- (b) & (c) There is no proposal to reopen Depots which are already closed. Some of the Depots have been relocated, the detail is annexed. IOCL and HPCL Depots at Hanumangarh were non-OISD (Oil Industry Safety Directorate) compliant and closed during 2010-11.

In consideration of limited volumes in the district of Hanumangarh and Sri Ganganagar, development of New Depot at Hanumangarh was not commercially viable. The markets of Hanumangarh & Sri Ganganagar are being fed from the Pipeline fed State of the Art Terminals at Jaipur & Jodhpur.

Annexure referred to in reply to part (b) & (C) of the Lok Sabha starred question No. 363 asked by Shri Nihal Chand to be answered on 22.03.2021 regarding Reopening of Oil Depots.

S.No.	Location	Reasons for Closure
1	Kullu Depot (IOCL)	Non-OISD compliant with serious safety concern.
2	Parwanoo Depot (IOCL)	
3	Narimanam Terminal (IOCL)	Supplying Refinery shutdown for expansion.
4	Guntakal Depot (IOCL)	Non-OISD compliant with serious safety concern.
5	Hasimara Depot (IOCL)	Non-OISD compliant with serious safety concern.
6	Tinsukia Depot (IOCL)	Non-OISD compliant with serious safety concerns.
7	Basin Bridge Terminal (HPCL)	Basin Bridge was operational for providing (Low sulphur heavy stock) LSHS to one Customer for supplying power to TNEB (Tamil Nadu Electricity Board). After closure of LSHS business, Basin Bridge Terminal was closed during 2018-19 and land was handed over to TNEB.
8	Nagpur Depot (HPCL)	Adequate space was not available at Nagpur siding for augmenting safety infrastructure. Hence due to safety reasons Nagpur White oil Depot has been closed during 2020-21.
9	Najibabad Depot (HPCL)	After commissioning of Rewari Kanpur Pipeline loading from Meerut/ Mathura was found to be economical for the outlets of Najibabad Depot. After augmentation of Meerut Depot in 2020-21, Najibabad based outlets were attached to Meerut Depot. Najibabad Depot was closed during 2020-21.
10	Vadodara Depot (HPCL)	Old Vadodara Depot was, closed during 2020-21, as new Vadodara Terminal was constructed with pipeline connectivity from Palanpur on Mundra- Delhi Pipeline, which is more economical.

