## LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1710

TO BE ANSWERED ON 05th December, 2024

#### ETHANOL PLANT IN BARGARH, ODISHA

#### 1710. SHRI PRADEEP PUROHIT:

### पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken steps to establish an ethanol plant in Bargarh, Odisha and if so, the current status of the project;
- (b) the expected timeline for the completion of the ethanol plant and the commissioning of its operations;
- (c) the total estimated fund allocation for the project and the amount released so far; and
- (d) whether the Government has formulated any policy or framework to ensure local employment opportunities in connection with the project and if so, the details thereof?

#### **ANSWER**

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुरेश गोपी)

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

- (a) to (c): BPCL has taken up implementation of a 200 Kilo Litres per Day (KLPD) integrated ethanol plant at Bargarh, Odisha, comprising 100 KLPD each of First Generation (1G) and Second Generation (2G) technology. The project, with an approved cost of ₹1,557 crore, has incurred an expenditure of ₹1,243 crore till date. The project is under advanced stages of construction.
- (d) The integrated ethanol project at Bargarh, Odisha shall directly and indirectly benefit local population by generating employment opportunities, promoting local entrepreneurships and supporting the supply of consumable items such as raw materials, machinery parts, other locally sourced goods and services.

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